



Ciana Barnaba

Community Relations & Resource Development,
Berkshire Agricultural Ventures

Through my role at Berkshire Agricultural Ventures (BAV) I've had the opportunity and privilege of establishing the BAV Market Match Fund. In two years I've fundraised and distributed over \$250,000 across 11 Berkshire farmers markets to support SNAP matching programs. These efforts have translated to over 8,000 SNAP customers served and have generated more than \$365,000 in sales for farmers. The Market Match Fund resolves systematic issues and pain points our farmers markets have been experiencing for years. By streamlining and uniforming the SNAP matching fundraising and distribution process, I have allowed SNAP beneficiaries to have consistent access to more affordable local food; ensured farmers are not only paid fairly but also receive a boost in revenue; and guaranteed farmers markets are a reliable food access point for our community. These efforts have contributed to the physical, mental and emotional wellbeing of our community.

Princewill E.P. Abanulo

Quality Manager, Premium Waters

I have two decades of experience in the medical, papermaking and water industries in the Berkshires, and key accomplishments to show for it. Namely, I have successfully led and transitioned these companies over ISO 9001, 13485, SQF and HACCP systems with excellent results. This is precisely where my passion lies: Design of robust quality systems that work to not only impact the bottom line, but also to add value to the lives of the end users. Outside of the workplace, I am the founder and president of the African Francophones of the Berkshires, a registered non-profit association dedicated to promoting unity of mutual aid and solidarity among 80 active members and developing community development projects. I serve on the board of the African Catholic Community at St. Mark's Church in Pittsfield and frequently lector at Sunday masses, leading prayers in French and English, and chaired their harvest fundraising. I am also an active member of the Dulye Leadership Experience in the Berkshires.



Scott Barschdorf

Director of Brain Injury Services, Berkshire County Arc

As a young adult, I really had a passion for working with at risk youth in the community. I enjoyed helping them reach their goals and seeing them become a better part of their community. As I continued my career, I enjoyed helping other staff members achieve these same goals with the kids we worked with. This led me to working in various supervisory roles at Hillcrest Educational Centers and Key Program Inc. Now, as the Director of Brain Injury Services at Berkshire County Arc, it continues to be my goal to help people reach their goals and have meaningful lives in the community.

Jessica Bartle

Co-Founder, President, Investment Adviser, EvoQue Investments

Through my work at EvoQue, I change the paradigm of money, from ego and greed, to intention, repose and compassion. Together with my lovely business partner, I have created an investment firm where clients and financial professionals no longer have to survive a realm in which money is owned by the financial world and cultural presets. We built a local boutique investment firm where we can all thrive — a haven where we help individuals discover and create their story with money. We raise awareness about how to have an emotionally intelligent relationship with life and money and go on a journey with clients to connect their investments and finances to the values of their business, family, work, friendship and love.



Christine Bile

Licensed Certified Social Worker (Clinician), Boston Neurobehavioral Associates

In the Berkshires, I've curated diverse musical events for people of all ages, fostering inclusivity from open mics to showcases. Serving as the Music Coordinator for the First Fridays Artswalk program, I curated a culturally rich lineup spanning Ghana, New York and the Berkshires. My active involvement in local arts, music and theater reflects my commitment to spreading and supporting joy in the Berkshires. For over two years, I have been a mentor in the Rites of Passage and Empowerment program. I've guided young women of color toward personal growth through consistent engagement in intellectual and cultural experiences. Engaging in local advocacy, I recently addressed the impacts of overturning Roe v. Wade in a speech. I consistently strive to positively contribute to the cultural and social landscape of the Berkshires in a professional and uplifting manner.

Meaghan J. Bresnahan

Positive Options Program Coordinator, Lee Public Schools

Throughout my 17 years of teaching, the students that some would call challenging tend to gravitate towards my personality. My students tend to be the rough cases, the ones for whom the traditional classroom just doesn't work. I pride myself in having a secret talent of being able to see the potential in others that they can't see themselves. I believe that each one can be pushed to be their best self. I make myself available for guidance, advice and support, even after their time with me ends. By working individually with each student that comes through my program and having them with me for the majority of the day, I become more than their teacher — I'm their "school mom." I provide both a caring and compassionate environment, while also remaining firm and unyielding in my expectations for my students. Every single student deserves to be seen as an individual with gifts, to be treated as if their success was never in question, and I'm lucky enough to be the one to show them that.





Josh M. Brilliant

Engineer,
General Dynamics - Mission Systems

I feel like I help make the Berkshires a better place by being an active community member in the Berkshires through groups like Berkshire Pride, Berkshire United Way and the Dulye Leadership Experience (DLE). The DLE in particular has been very influential in who I've been able to work with, and lets me branch out more in the community. Through GDMS, I also lead multiple groups, including our Pittsfield D&I and Pride groups, where I run events all year long focusing on the celebration of diversity, as well as educating others in the community about the struggles of marginalized communities.



Andy B. Cambi

Health Director, City of Pittsfield

My professional role as the health director for the City of Pittsfield focuses on improving the quality of life for the residents of Pittsfield. This role allowed me to expand the health department's human services role by hiring a team to provide emotional support, advocacy and resource connection to residents. I have been fortunate to lead a great team to collaboratively create a vision to empower our residents to seek resources for their well-being so that they may thrive in our community.

Kalee Nicole Carmel

Treasury Management Manager, Adams Community Bank

Read Across America, the 4th of July Parade, Walk to End Alzheimer's and BCAC's Elf Program are just some of the events I have devoted volunteer hours to. My role at Adams Community Bank also provides me the opportunity to work with vulnerable populations to educate them on cybersecurity and fraud protection. I have organized several events and I write a quarterly newsletter on the topic. I participated in 1Berkshire's Leadership Program and Pittsfield's Citizens Academy. I was an ambassador with 1Berkshire, a member of the Junior League, a volunteer at the Humane Society and the President-Elect of Berkshire Business and Professional Women. I recently joined the board of Elder Services and signed on to be a mentor with EforAll. I am active with Dulye Leadership Experience, a former Advisory Board member, where I have volunteered in several Downtown Pittsfield Cleanups, planted with Pittsfield Beautiful and worked with Construct Inc.



Zorelly Cristina Cepeda Derieux

Assistant Director of Alumni Engagement for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, Williams College

I have grown professionally in the Berkshires, and I stand on the lessons learned from my peers and the community members I have had the honor of serving. In return, I strive every day to be a resource, a connector and an active participant in the economic and cultural growth of our region. It has been a privilege to work in roles that center access and representation for underengaged and minoritized populations within our arts institutions and within my alma mater, and to volunteer for groups and committees dedicated to inclusive and equitable work cultures and community-centered spaces. Currently, I dedicate my time and energy to being a support for historically underrepresented students and alumni looking for a sense of belonging at Williams College, and I am proud to be shaping a space where Latinx staff and faculty can connect and build camaraderie through culture sharing.



Jacob R. Dabrowski

AVP Mortgage Originations, Adams Community Bank

As a mortgage officer and someone who volunteers a lot, I've been working to improve the Berkshires. My job in mortgages helps people find homes, making the community stronger. I also volunteer for groups like the North Adams Lions Club, Elder Services, Northern Berkshire United Way, and BFAIR. These groups focus on helping older folks, the community and those with disabilities. By helping out, I'm ensuring everyone in the Berkshires has a good quality of life. So, whether finding a home or supporting different groups, I'm doing my part to make the Berkshires an excellent place for people to live, work and have fun.

Olivia Daly

Patrol Officer, Pittsfield Police Department

As a police officer, I have been able to better understand the local community and interact with people I would never had interacted with otherwise. I feel as though my choice to have a career that involves helping the community has allowed the Berkshires to become a more positive place. As a woman, I have had a positive impact with many females in the community who normally would close themselves off from male officers.





Izinna B. Degraffenried

Pittsfield Police Officer, City of Pittsfield

I believe that I have made the Berkshires a better place to live by becoming a police officer and serving my community. Being the first African American female officer is an honor and privilege. I am able to meet new people all the time and interact with members of the community on a daily basis. I am the student resource officer at Taconic High School and get to interact and make a positive impression on our young people every day. As a police officer, I want people to know that I am there for them in their time of need, but also if they see me outside of uniform, I will still lend a hand if they need it.



Emily Dominik

Corporate Controller, Mill Town

It has been incredible to see the impact Mill Town has had on Berkshire County since I started in 2019. I truly believe we are improving the quality of life through our real estate portfolio that has not only increased housing stock, but has also made our current neighborhoods safer places to live; through business and economic development, including but not limited to downtown Pittsfield and our Bousquet community; and finally through Mill Town Foundation supporting local programs and philanthropic endeavors. I'm very proud to be a part of a like-minded and talented team working towards making the Berkshires an even better place.



Meghan Donnelly

School Counselor, Pittsfield Public Schools

As a school counselor, I support my students in their academic growth, college and career readiness, and social/emotional wellbeing. I collaborate with an incredible team of staff members and community partners to ensure students have access to different services and supports. My colleagues and I wear many different hats and work relentlessly to support our students, given that their needs are often complex. In my role, I work closely with our multilingual students and families to help them navigate a new school, country and language. This is one of the most fulfilling parts of my job, as I have the honor of welcoming new members into the Berkshires who bring so much talent and vibrancy to our community. Although my job is challenging, I feel incredibly blessed to be able to do the work I do, as I have wonderful students and families who make my job very rewarding.



Paul Farella

Partner, Moneco Advisors, LLC

I'm incredibly humbled to be named among the 40 Under Forty. For the past 15 years I have worked in this community in financial services and wealth management, helping clients align their money with their values, build wealth and plan for the future. Beyond my professional role, I have dedicated my time to being a board member for The Love of T Foundation Inc., to fill gaps in mental health support within our community. I am also a passionate advocate for education. As a School Committee Member of the Central Berkshire Regional School District, I work to ensure our community grows. I have coached soccer through the Dalton CRA for the past several years and very much enjoy watching our community's little ones learn about teamwork and have fun. This recognition fuels my passion to keep working alongside my fellow Berkshireans to build a future where our shared home thrives.



Cameron Hadley

Financial Advisor, Northwestern Mutual

As a lifelong resident of the Berkshires, I am most proud of my community involvement. My passion lies in educating families and individuals about financial security. Some of the most impactful experiences that I have had include educating elementary students on building successful financial habits. I have also enjoyed sharing my experience and wisdom through coaching high school basketball at my alma mater. The Dulye Leadership Experience has been a huge resource in helping me grow my skills and become the best leader that I can possibly be. I've learned how to effectively communicate and how to motivate others as our practice has exponentially grown. Through Berkshire's Entrepreneur Meet-Up events, I have enjoyed meeting other small business owners in Berkshire County. After hearing their stories, it excites me to promote them and their businesses so we can continue to grow the Berkshires for future generations.



Dr. Sonja Haecker

Executive Vice President, Berkshire County Arc

I have had the privilege of working with many families. My role is varied, and I have taken to wearing a lot of different hats based off of families' needs. Every day I want to ensure I aid others in achieving their "good life."-That could mean supporting them in accessing more services and support, to simply helping folks access their community in a meaningful way.

Sidney Hamilton

School Adjustment Counselor, Pittsfield Public Schools

I feel like I have made the Berkshires a better place to live through working for and promoting programs and activities available to youth in the area. Eureka!, a five-year program designed to help pique a girl's interest in STEM, has been one of those programs for me. I was also involved in partnering with Herberg Middle School to offer a Girls Inc. Elective, which has allowed over 30 students, who identify as female or non-binary, the opportunity to explore what types of programs and activities Girls Inc. has to offer. Additionally, I was a part of the team that held the 413 Youth Conference, which welcomed high school students from all over Berkshire County to come together, get to know each other and participate in various workshops, all in one day. One thing I like to focus on is resources available for youth in the area, so as they grow up they can recognize the positive impact that this community, and those in it, have had in their lives.



Dr. Claire Horth

Physician, Community Health Programs

As a primary care physician at Community Health Programs, I care for patients of all ages who live and work in the Berkshires. In this role, I help my patients work toward their best health with a focus on preventive medicine and healthy lifestyle while also managing acute and chronic illness. It is my hope that in this position, I am helping to improve the overall health and happiness of the Berkshires. I also work with the Bianchi Barbarotta Foundation in fundraising for scholarships for local student athletes as well as support for local youth sports, programs and other organizations in need.

Samantha Lee Kendall

Prevention Supervisor and Harm Reduction Trainer, Berkshire Harm Reduction

I have made the Berkshires a better place through my professional work at Berkshire Harm Reduction, and because of my personal advocacy for the most stigmatized individuals in our community — people who actively use substances. Harm Reduction is the belief that people who use substances deserve respect, dignity and autonomy. I have always kept the dignity of participants at the forefront of our mission. I am a certified Master Trainer in naloxone through the Department of Public Health. I have led hundreds of presentations for many different populations and organizations including those for public safety, healthcare, boards of directors and school officials. I took the lead on the rally held at Park Square for International Overdose Awareness Day and was an active part of the NIH Heal Initiative. Through my involvement and membership in the Drug Policy Alliance, I am gaining more knowledge and passing it down to my community. It takes a community to improve the lives of those around us, and I'm proud to be a small part of it.





Christy Lemoine

Volunteer Coordinator/911 Dispatcher,
Berkshire and Franklin Medical Reserve Corps/Williamstown Police

I was raised by a family that took pride in helping others and community involvement, and they instilled that same sense of community in me. I'm honored to have the chance to be involved in emergency response and being able to help get others connected with resources, and I love that my skills and abilities allow me to do that in all my various roles. Dispatching has given me a chance to be the resource for help or pointing people in the right direction, while the Medical Reserve Corps helped me to connect with people outside of the emergency services roles in a similar way.



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Lenny Light

Executive Vice President, Lenco Armored Vehicles

In my professional work, I manage a business that has grown in staff from 60 to over 130 individuals and tripled in annual revenue. This represents a net increase of 70 high-paying manufacturing jobs that I've helped create, as well as millions of dollars in revenue flowing back into our local economy through our supply chain. In my personal time, I've chaired the board of the YMCA supporting youth programs, I've mentored talented and ambitious entrepreneurs through our local EforAll program and I'm a member of the Wahconah Park Restoration Committee, aimed at renovating one of Pittsfield's most recognizable venues. Through these endeavors, I've attempted to have a positive impact on not only our Berkshire economy, but also on the quality of care, support and recreation we enjoy as citizens in the Berkshires.



Sara Luciani

Principal, Pittsfield Public School

I began my career as a special educator and worked to close learning gaps for the students I served in grades 3-6. Now, as a principal, I have worked closely with the special education director and my incredible staff to see my dream of ensuring that all students are provided an inclusive education become a reality. We have closed the substantially separate classrooms that were previously used to educate students with mild to moderate disabilities. I have worked through the pandemic to create co-taught classrooms where general and special educators work as a team to educate students with and without disabilities, including those who were in substantially separate classrooms. I am incredibly proud of the academic growth of all of my students and also the way in which those in my school appreciate differences, including disabilities, as diversity instead of deficits. I have worked to create a broader future for all students in Pittsfield.



Caitlin McKinnon

Site Supervisor, Intensive Outpatient Program + Recovery Coach Services, The Brien Center for Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services

For the past four years, I have been working tirelessly to fight the addiction crisis here in Berkshire County. I'm a person in recovery from drugs and alcohol, and I use my lived experience in addiction and recovery to support others in their journeys. Over time, I have created connections with providers at other community agencies in order to create recovery oriented systems of care within Berkshire County. I lead a team of Recovery Coaches who provide support to explore and navigate the community as well as take referrals in the field and connect folks with needed services. Overall, I support our community members to identify their goals for treatment and to create a plan of action through exploration of the infinite pathways to recovery.



Andre M.P. Lynch

Executive, A. Lynch DEI Consulting;
Director of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, Berkshire Arts and Technology Public Charter School

My life is dedicated to increasing equity and inclusion for all people, across all industries. Since moving to the Berkshires, I have launched multiple initiatives in this spirit, from the Berkshire Equity Association, to K-12 based diversity committees, to hosting North County's first and only celebration of international cultures (International Festival). All of my work in policy, programming and professional development lends itself to creating a cohesive DEIB mechanism that can be shared and replicated. I also pride myself on bringing collaborators and community partners into school districts to support marginalized populations through education, advocacy, mentorship and communal supports.



Jay Meczywor

Physical Therapist, Berkshire Sports and Physical Therapy

As the chair of the Northern Berkshire Events Committee, I helped establish a group that enhances awareness of community businesses, fundraises for local endeavors and promotes entertainment ventures focusing on young adults. In my work as Vice Chair of Adams Finance Committee, I represent taxpayers in advising and making recommendations to town meetings on the budget and other areas of municipal finance. In my work as a physical therapist, I help manage a variety of diagnoses to help patients become pain free and as independent as possible in their everyday lives.



Brent Osborne

Director of Berkshire Lake Camp & Director of Special Projects, CampGroup

With the creation of Berkshire Lake Camp in Hinsdale, we've created a haven for youth programs and events that has welcomed visitors globally, allowing us to share the heartfelt beauty of Berkshire County. Beyond the economic impact and job opportunities, my commitment extends to actively participating in local initiatives and collaborations, including the 1Berkshire Youth Leadership Program and creating a genuine sense of community among the small businesses I work with. With every effort, I aim to infuse the Berkshires with a warmth and spirit that makes it an even more extraordinary place.



Shawn Mille

Program Associate, Community Access to the Arts (CATA)

As Program Associate at Community Access to the Arts (CATA), I assist CATA's work in the community by providing more arts opportunities for people with disabilities. Outside of work, I am Vice President of the Berkshire Coalition for Suicide Prevention (BCSP) and was Chair of the 2023 Berkshire County Out of the Darkness Walk. I think it's important to raise awareness of suicide and help provide resources and information about prevention. In addition, in 2023, I started volunteering with Berkshire Pride. It's my belief that everyone deserves to be welcome in our community. Everyone should feel like they belong.



Khalil Kyle Paul

Police Officer, City of North Adams Police Department

I have embedded myself in the community through the work that I do with the Police Department. I am able to make a difference within my immediate community by being an active listener and an active member within North Adams. I engage with different parts of the city on a day-to-day basis. I care deeply about the safety of the people in and around North Adams. I am striving to continue to make North Adams and the Berkshires a great place to live.



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Jordan E. Romeo

Teacher of Department, Pittsfield Public Schools

I would like to think that my contribution to making the Berkshires a better place to live begins with supporting student needs both socially and emotionally throughout the Pittsfield Public Schools. I believe the importance of building positive relationships with students and offering a safe place for students to share, vent and grow can change the course of their lives for the better. The best contribution I can make to the Berkshires is believing in my students and encouraging them to be the best version of themselves. In addition, I'd like to think that my role as a Realtor with Berkshire Real Estate has contributed to making the Berkshires a better place to live. This position has allowed me the opportunity to make the dream of buying a home become a reality for many throughout the Berkshires, and I thank them for allowing me to be part of their journey!



Julia B. Sabourin

Director of Community Engagement and Communications, Berkshire District Attorney's Office

Since I arrived in the Berkshires, my professional work has been dedicated to the public sector, spanning roles in public schools, city government and state government. My current role in the District Attorney's office includes fostering connections between the office and the greater community, authoring grants that invest in programs which proactively address community level risk-factors, examining barriers in accessing the criminal justice system and fostering a transparent and responsive government office. Prior to my tenure in the District Attorney's Office, my work in the Berkshires has included teaching and running programs for youth and serving in the Pittsfield Mayor's Office as the Director of Administration Services and Communication Officer. Beyond my professional endeavors, I contribute to non-profit boards, fundraising campaigns and volunteer efforts.

Allison Schmitt

Executive Director, Entrepreneurship for All, Berkshire County

There is nothing more fulfilling to me than fostering the talents of others. From teaching skiing at Jiminy Peak to supporting nearly 70 small businesses in the Berkshires through Entrepreneurship for All, helping others reach their goals and potential is a passion of mine. Education has always been at the forefront of my goals. I've been a part of the Dulye Leadership Experience for two years, where I share my management and leadership skills with other Berkshire County leaders to help our local leaders be more confident and compassionate. I had the privilege to attend good schools, travel to new places and experience things outside my comfort zone. These opportunities allowed me to teach these new perspectives to my community. The Berkshires are abundant with talented individuals, and if we continue to focus on elevating those people, our community will continue to thrive.



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Brian Seminara

Technical Manager, General Dynamics Mission Systems; Director of Racing, Bousquet; Director of Coaching and Development, Lenox Youth Soccer; Head Coach, Lenox Girls Soccer, Lenox Memorial High School; Monument Alpine Ski Team, Monument Mountain High School

As a Technical Manager for General Dynamics, I've always thought one of the most important aspects is teamwork. I love mentoring and helping build and maintain a team of people with vast backgrounds in a technical setting that helps contribute to the common mission. Throughout my numerous coaching and director careers in various capacities, with both soccer and alpine skiing, my motto has always been life lessons through sports. I don't just teach how to kick a ball or race down a mountain; I also teach them teamwork, timelines, communication and leadership, to name a few. If an athlete graduates my team as an MVP, that's awesome, but the real goal is for every single young adult to graduate with not-so-basic life skills that will make them invaluable to their future employers and communities as a whole.



Alicia Starsja

TRIO Academic Counselor, Berkshire Community College

Berkshire Community College gave me the opportunity as a student to establish a strong foundation to become a social worker, to do the work that I am passionate about. Obtaining my Masters in Social Work from Tulane University School of Social Work allowed me to enhance my knowledge and provided a diverse lens on ways to work with individuals and the community. I have been, and continue to be, an active member of the community through my dedication to volunteering and professional opportunities, which allows me to continue to uniquely work with individuals, groups and the community in a variety of ways. Helping to develop and implement new programs has allowed more individuals access to information and services they may not have had previously. As a social worker, I continue advocating, volunteering, teaching, facilitating trainings, and developing and implementing programming, among other needed services, to enhance the lives of others in the Berkshires.

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Colin D. Sykes

Environmental Health Inspector, Berkshire Regional Planning Commission

I have worked in Public Health for over a decade and continue working to improve the overall health and safety of the Berkshires. As an Environmental Health Inspector with the Berkshire Public Health Alliance, I currently provide a wide range of inspectional services for several municipalities county-wide and assist their Boards of Health in regulatory compliance. As a licensed soil evaluator, I work with hundreds of homeowners, sellers and buyers on their Title 5 and septic requirements, as many hill towns rely on private septic systems. Additionally, I worked on a BRPC-funded collaborative tasked with the early COVID-19 vaccine rollout. During the large-scale clinics hosted by BCC, I aided in set-up and operations, and I managed volunteer training. It's important to me that we upend the stigma of health inspectors being intimidating, and I take pride in my approachable demeanor as a health inspector and as an educational resource for municipalities county-wide.



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Dr. Mark Taylor II

General Surgeon, Berkshire Health Systems

After moving to Berkshire County a year and a half ago, I have already medically taken care of innumerable residents and visitors to the Berkshires. However, as someone who has never lived outside of a large metropolitan area, what I didn't expect was how living in a small community like the Berkshires would allow me to really integrate into both the medical and personal lives of my neighbors. I truly feel like this small community allows me to advocate strongly for not only the surgical care of my patients, but also for the overall medical/social well-being of those living and working in the Berkshires.

Kristen Tool

Managing Director, Heart & Soil Collective; Owner, Olsen Farm

Owning a small farm opened my eyes to everyday challenges farmers and community members seeking local food face. For residents, it is access to healthy food, high costs and accessibility, and for farms, it is transportation, food waste, variable income and high expenses. Through my work with Heart & Soil Collective, where our mission is to connect people to the land where their food grows, I have been able to problem-solve and work to fill gaps between farms and residents. Our food security programming purchases fresh food from small farms and delivers it directly to residents, creating new revenue for farmers, decreasing food waste, and getting healthy, local food into homes across the Berkshires. We partner with Councils on Aging and established organizations including 18 Degrees and Pediatric Palliative Care to further support their programming. Through Heart & Soil I get to combine all the things I love: food access, education, supporting small farms and community building!



Crystal Wojcik

Finance Director/Town Accountant, Town of Adams

I serve on a couple of different boards and organizations in Berkshire County. As a Director on the Northern Berkshire Events Committee Board of Directors, I work with a group of energetic individuals to plan community-friendly events for people of all ages to attend. I am also the chairperson of the Adams Events Committee, focused on providing free Adams-based events for the local community. In addition, I serve as a Director on the No Paws Left Behind Animal Shelter Board of Directors, where we are working to continue the legacy and mission of the Eleanor Sonsini Animal Shelter in North Berkshire County. Lastly, I am also a Director on the MCLA Alumni Association Board of Directors, where we work to try to reconnect MCLA alumni with the Berkshires and their alma mater after they graduate and pursue their professional careers.



Julie L. Zdon

AVP, Branch Officer, Adams Community Bank

Through my work, I instill a focus on our local community through volunteering and community engagement. I support and volunteer for many events, including Reading Across America, and I provide Financial Literacy Seminars for local high school students. I recently joined the Board of the Gladys Allen Brigham Community Center, as I believe in their mission of empowering children and youth to become responsible, confident, personally fulfilled individuals. I was born and raised in the Berkshires, and it's important that I continue to volunteer and support our local community to ensure a thriving community for our children to grow up in.