



## 2018 Board of Directors

### **DEBBIE MEYER**

Professionally, Debbie works at the New York Road Runners, as Senior Manager, Development & Philanthropy. She is also a founding member of the Dyslexia (Plus) in Public Schools Task Force, a small group of community leaders working to help students with dyslexia and related language-based disabilities thrive in their neighborhood schools. She was just invited to be a member of the fifth cohort of Columbia Community Scholars to study this epidemic further and work toward mitigating it.

Previously, she served as Special Projects Consultant at the Upper Manhattan Empowerment Zone (UMEZ) working on communications, advocacy with local elected officials and small events for businesses and organizations that have received loans or grants from UMEZ. In an interim position, she led fundraising at the Harlem Educational Activities fund, working on institutional advancement, community relations and organizational development. While consulting, Debbie stepped in to help lead College and Community Fellowship when the Executive Director took a leave of absence.

Prior to these independent consulting activities, Debbie co-founded Dilday Meyer & Associates (DMA) in 2006. DMA, a certified women and minority owned firm, served socially responsible causes. The firm focused on NYC community-based organizations as well as international development organizations to increase their ability to connect with important stakeholders, including donors, elected officials and community members.

Before founding DMA, Debbie led fundraising activities and substantive events at nonprofit organizations focused on both local and international causes. She held a number of positions of increasing responsibility at The Synergos Institute, The International Center in New York and The Africa-America Institute. She has an undergraduate degree in Political Science and Spanish from the University of Arizona.

Debbie served on the Women's City Club Physical Education Task Force (2011 to 2014) and is currently a member of the Board of Directors, and the Education Policy Committee. She is also a member of the Citizen's Committee for Children's Advocacy Council. Previously, she served on the boards of directors of College and Community Fellowship and Phys Ed Plus.

Debbie lives with her husband and son in Central Harlem.