

BARBARA ALLENE BARBER

Barbara was born in Bronx, New York and raised in Fort Lauderdale. She obtained her Bachelor of Science degree in Business at Florida Memorial University where she became a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated.

Barbara and Terrence, her husband of thirteen years, have two beautiful and talented daughters, Jasmine and Casey. The Barber family, worships at New Mount Olive Baptist Church under the leadership of Dr. Mack King Carter.

Barbara has worked for the City of Fort Lauderdale Parks and Recreation Department for over fifteen years. In her position, she has had the opportunity to serve and uplift the children of Fort Lauderdale by instilling in them a desire to “Get More out of Life”. She has procured hundreds of thousands of dollars in grant funding to facilitate an array of life-enriching programs that benefit the underserved, but well deserved. Barbara has served on several boards including Broward Commission on Substance Abuse, Dr. Martin Luther King Celebration Committee, and Broward County Kwanzaa Coordinating Committee.

Barbara is also committed to preventing childhood drowning. This passion has led her to serve on several committees to ensure that children in Broward County have access to affordable swim classes. Barbara started her career as a certified lifeguard and swim instructor and continues to promote the importance of water safety. Through her diligence, the City of Fort Lauderdale’s Aqua Angels, a year round competitive swim program, has grown into one of the largest minority youth swim programs in Florida. The Aqua Angels compete throughout the United States.

Barbara feels that one of her greatest achievements is bringing cultural arts education to children in urban communities. She believes that through creative expression, children can learn, grow and achieve without judgment or restrictions.