

# Barbara Bell

**Names and relationships of family members:** Rhonda Skallan, daughter and Jeffrey Skallan, son-in-law, Shannon James Bell, son



**Vocation and/or experience/expertise to position:**

For the past 5 years I have served as Project Manager and currently as the Senior Program Manager, Engineering, at WildBlue Communications. As a member of the leadership team of the Engineering Department, I work with the vice president and engineering directors to achieve our various departmental project objectives and budgetary goals. My role includes interfacing with many team members of other departments along with the executive leadership to help meet the company's high priority business goals and critical objectives. The work includes the structuring, communicating, facilitating, executing, functionally integrating, and managing the completion of assigned program and project objectives from original concept through final implementation. The role oversees all aspects of the various projects, manages to deadlines, assigns components to responsible teams, and leads projects to completion within budgets assigned. With specific regard to the honor of serving with the Bethany Foundation, expertise includes assisting in the compilation of engineering's departmental multi-million dollar budget and in managing against this budget the expense and capital purchases throughout each budget year.

Expertise includes estimating, then creating and managing exact budgets for engineering's portion of corporate-wide project endeavors.

**Year joined Bethany:** 2008

**Involvements at Bethany:** I pray for a role with Bethany in which the spiritual gifts God has given me can contribute to the mission, vision and goals of the Bethany community. An initial opportunity has yet to be revealed. Meanwhile I

have been participating in educational opportunities to help me to more fully understand Christianity, Lutheranism and ways of sharing God's grace and love in Christ. Participating in Bethany's 2009 Lenten Retreat, attending numerous class offerings (including the Disciples I class currently), assisting with Communion at Wednesday services when there is opportunity, and giving within the community are deepening my understanding and desire for service as possible with my gifts.

**Involvements in churches prior to**

**Bethany:** While a member of Shrine of St. Anne's Catholic Church and in conjunction with St. Anne's Catholic School, I served as a volunteer with various youth programs targeting Christian education.

**Community involvements:** 10 years of volunteer leadership service with Boys Scouts of America, including serving as Scoutmaster of Troop 532. 5 years as volunteer board member with Denver Telecom Professionals, a non-profit organization charged with serving the industry's community, offering educational seminars and job search workshops. 4 years of volunteer service with the Metropolitan Opera's National Auditions Council, Rocky Mountain Region, as newsletter editor and assistant to the Regional Chairman. Currently I also serve as assistant to the Treasurer, helping to manage this non-profit's patron's funding and annual financial reporting.

**How do you envision your spiritual gifts being used to fulfill the duties of the position for which you have been nominated?** Joining members of the Bethany Foundation in prayerful consideration for the judicious management of the church's endowment fund. Using communication skills, organization ability, successful task management expertise, and financial management experience to help guide the Bethany Foundation toward achieving our assigned mission.