



Barbara Morton, PhD Lutheran Home

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Barbara Morton, PhD is the President of the Lutheran Home Auxiliary. In this volunteer role, Barbara assists the Lutheran Home and Lutheran Life Communities with major fundraising events, has helped the Auxiliary expand their areas of service and provide more opportunities for members to work with residents in the garden and assist residents in completing mission projects. The funds Barbara helps to raise support programs such as the Benevolent Fund which cares for residents who have outlived their financial resources, a drum program for all residents, refurbishing the Tapestry Courtyard for memory care residents, and has provided devotional materials to all residents.

Barbara grew up in Queens, New York, teaching and then serving as Principal at Redeemer Lutheran School in Glendale, NY for ten years. Barbara eventually relocated to Irvine, CA and was a professor and Dean of the School of Education at Concordia University until her retirement. In her retirement, Barbara started volunteering at Orange County Rescue Mission. Upon moving from California to Northern Illinois and no longer driving, Barbara wanted to continue her volunteer work but needed a location that was close to her home, family and church. She found that in Lutheran Life Communities.