



Board Member Biography

ILANIT BEN-NAIM

TITLE / ROLE: Board Member | Vice Chairman

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Professional Background

Ilanit Ben-Naim is a long-standing leader in the philanthropic community. With over 20 years of coaching experience across multiple Special Olympics sports, she has served as a Lead Sports Director for the Switchbacks FC Unified Team, a Special Olympics Liaison, and early advisor to Project Inspire, helping launch one of the inaugural Inspire Soccer League teams. Beyond inclusive sports, Ilanit is an accomplished Real Estate Broker with Keller Williams Clients Choice Realty, bringing more than three decades of business ownership, real estate expertise, and community-focused service to the families she supports.

Connection to the Mission

Ilanit's connection to the mission is deeply personal and grounded in lived experience. Through decades of coaching, advocacy, and hands-on involvement with athletes and families, she champions the belief that every individual with special needs deserves belonging, opportunity, and the chance to shine. Her work reflects a lifelong commitment to inclusion and the power of community support.

Board Responsibilities & Contributions

As Co-Vice Chair, Ilanit helps guide the organization's strategic direction, strengthen community partnerships, and support the development of inclusive programs that empower individuals with special needs. She brings a blend of leadership, compassion, and real-world experience that keeps the mission focused, people-centered, and forward-moving.

Community & Volunteer Involvement

Ilanit is deeply rooted in community service. She serves as a Board Member for the Alpine Autism Center, directs programming for the Inspire Soccer League and Special Needs sports initiatives, and has been a long-time Special Olympics Colorado volunteer. She also provides disability-awareness education in schools, faith communities, and organizations, and mentors families navigating the world of special needs support. Her volunteer work reflects her belief that inclusion begins with understanding, compassion, and opportunity.

Skills & Areas of Expertise

Ilanit brings a powerful combination of skills in coaching, Unified Sports leadership, real estate, program development, and community engagement. Her strengths include relationship-building, advocacy, inclusive event coordination, real estate guidance, and supporting families and athletes with special needs. She is known for her professionalism, empathy, and unwavering dedication to helping others thrive.