

Barbara Lindquist Tanner

Community Leader, Humanitarian, Human Rights Activist, Philanthropist

Growing up in Ogden, Barbara's family was very involved in community activities. As her father developed his business, Barbara's mother was the community leader. She was always cooking for those who were in need of food and sewing for those who were in need of clothes. Barbara's mother was her inspiration for helping others. Both of Barbara's parents were hard workers. So at an early age, Barbara and her brother and sister learned the tradition and joy of community service. The Lindquist's felt it was an obligation to give back to their community. That's where Barbara developed her sense of community obligation and interest. Barbara attended Ogden High School, Weber Jr. College and then transferred to the University of Utah. During one of the debate team events, Barbara's opponent was Norman Tanner. Barbara and Norm were a well-matched team even when they were on opposite sides of a debate.

Norm and Barbara married and became the parents of four children, Clark, (deceased) Susan, Deon and Deb. Family unity as well as indoor and outdoor sports and fun was the trademark for Norm, Barbara and the Tanner family. Family dinner was a time of great discussions and their door was always open to friends and family. While Norman's vision to develop recognition pins led to the initial success of the O.C. Tanner manufacturing business, it was Barbara's natural charm, and hospitality that helped close the sale.

Barbara always believed in working for the betterment of the community, and has a special concern for people. She practiced this philosophy and shared her leadership talents in organizing such agencies as Utah Girls Village (now Utah Youth Village), establishing and participating in musical groups such as the Utah Symphony, and Gina Bachauer International Piano Competition. She has received many honors and honorary degrees.

Barbara has always been concerned about people. She has always believed everyone should have equal rights, even before it was politically correct to do so. At O.C. Tanner Board and management meetings, Barbara was concerned as much about the employees as the profits. She would ask if everyone had health care, if women were being promoted in a timely manner, and if all were being treated fair. She is a Champion of the People.

Barbara has been active in peace and nonviolent conflict resolution for many years. In 2006 she established *The Barbara L. and Norman C. Tanner Center for Nonviolent Human Rights Advocacy* in the College of Social and Behavioral Science at the University of Utah. When she supports a program financially, she's very interested and active in how it will be run and what a difference it will make in the lives of individuals. Her constant dedication, drive, and fight for equality improve the world for all of us.

Education

Institution	School	Degree	Year	Level
University of Utah	Education	Bachelor of Science-Elementary Ed.	1937	Undergraduate

Awards/Honors

Award or Honor	Date	Comments
Honorary Degree	2002	Westminster - Honorary Doctorate of Public Service
Honorary Degree	1997	Weber State University- Honorary Doctorate of Humanities
Outstanding Alumna	1991	Delta Delta Delta Sorority
U Emeritus Merit of Honor	04-01-1988	Alumni Association - Emeritus Merit of Honor
Woman of the Year	1987	Utah Arthritis Foundation
Philanthropic Award	11-14-2000	USFR - Philanthropic Leadership Award
U Founders Day Distinguished Alum	02-26-1998	Alumni Association - Distinguished Alumna
People of Vision Award	2009	Friends of Sight

Working Board Positions

Employer	Status	Job Title
Barbara L. & Norman C. Tanner Center for Nonviolent Human Rights Advocacy	Current	Co-Chair/Co-Founder
Utah Youth Village #363399	Current	Original Co-founder
Utah Symphony and Opera #331283	Former	Board Member
Weber State University #329910	Former	National Advisory Board
Snowbird Institute	Former	Board Member
Gina Bachauer Piano Competition	Former	Chair
Utah State Women's Legislative Council	Former	Vice President
Planned Parenthood	Former	Board Member
United Way of America, Million Dollar Roundtable	Current	Board Member

Committee Participation

Committee	Status	Role
KUED Friends of KUED Board	Former	Board Member
Utah's Campaign for Music	Former	Board Member
AA Board of Directors	Former	Member
Health Sciences Council	Emeritus	Member