

## INSPIRED YOUTH BOARD OF DIRECTORS

### *Beth Palmer – Director*

Beth Struck Palmer started the Tutoring Program with volunteer tutors in 1985, because children in her choir could not read the words of the songs. Growing from that were the Saturday Tutoring Program with 8<sup>th</sup> graders from Wilmette Jr. High as tutors, and the Summer Piano Program with volunteer piano tutors. In 2016 Ms. Palmer received the United Voices for Children Child Worker Award. In 2018 she was declared a “Living Treasure” by the Edgewater Historical Society. Ms. Palmer also plays the pipe organ at Epworth Church.

### *Margaret Sullivan – Chair*

Margaret is a consultant and coach who lives in Andersonville. In addition to her Inspired Youth board work, she also serves as a tutor, is a warden at her church, and is adjunct faculty at [Northwestern University's Master's in Learning and Organizational Change](#). When not spending time on these activities or with her large extended family, she can often be found reading or travelling.

### *Dan Solomon – Secretary*

Dan is a retired software engineer who lives in West Rogers Park. In addition to his work with Inspired Youth, he serves as secretary of the [Institute on Religion in an Age of Science](#), and as volunteer coordinator for Adult Education at the Unitarian Church of Evanston. In his spare time, he likes to backpack, read, and participate in philosophy discussion groups.

### *Kenny Roman – Treasurer*

Kenny has resided in the Uptown neighborhood for 25 years. Kenny is a former student of the Tutoring Program; he received tutoring services during his high school education. After completing his doctorate degree, Kenny volunteered as an Inspired Youth tutor for several years and subsequently joined the board. In his spare time, you can find Kenny reading science journals at coffees shops, planning family events, and enjoying the great food our city offers with friends.

### *Rochelle Dyme*

Rochelle is of counsel to the law firm of Funkhouser, Vegosen, Liebman and Dunn. In addition to her work on the board, she has been a tutor with Inspired Youth as have her sons since they were at Wilmette Junior High School. She also volunteers with the Illinois Holocaust Museum and Education Center and likes to cook, travel and spend time with family and friends.

### *Mark Kaplan*

Mark is the manager of the Bezazian Branch of the Chicago Public Library in Uptown. This is where he became aware of Inspired Youth and the dedication of founder Beth Palmer to the well-being of the children in this community. Mark enjoys, but does not excel at, bicycling and Ultimate Frisbee and is an appreciator of a well cooked meal, even if he's doing the cooking.

### *Meghan Ford*

Meghan is a Supervisor of Administrative Services at a management consulting company. She has been involved with Inspired Youth since 2013, and since joining the board has focused on the organization's fundraising and social initiatives. In her free time, Meghan enjoys taking advantage of the lakefront, traveling and spending time with friends and family.