

**Gerald Barker**  
**President**  
**Barker Specialty Company**

Barker Specialty Company is a 65-year-old promotional products distributorship that was founded by Gloria and Herb Barker. My parents' philosophy was to create a legacy business that would treat clients, suppliers and employees fairly. I joined the company in the early 1980's and became president in 1987. Barker Specialty Company has been an innovative company, constantly changing, but always staying true to its core business principles of serving others as we would want to be served.

**Previous Work Experience:**

Worldwide Lending Officer - IRVING TRUST COMPANY, New York, NY  
Accounting Analyst - SCIENCE RESEARCH ASSOCIATES, Chicago, IL  
School Teacher - APIA, Western Samoa

**Previous Board Experience:**

President, Temple Beth David, Cheshire, CT  
President, Cheshire Occupational & Career Opportunities (opportunities for the developmentally disabled)  
Board Member, Cheshire Education Foundation  
Executive Board Member, Jewish Federation of Greater New Haven

**Education:**

MBA, University of Chicago Graduate School of Business (Finance and Marketing) - 1981  
BA, Drew University (Economics) – 1978

**Personal Information:**

Wife, Debbi, married for 32 years  
Children: Alivia – graduate of University of Miami- artist and model; Max – graduate of Syracuse University- account executive at Barker Specialty Company; Harrison- graduate of Union College-financial analyst with Estee Lauder Corporation  
Hobbies- Guitar, golf, tennis, skiing, and traveling