

Board of Directors

Mark Barondess

Principle, Miller Barondess, LLC

A lawyer for more than 22 years, Mark Barondess has earned a reputation as an aggressive civil advocate in Washington, D.C. and Los Angeles, CA. Barondess is a founding partner of the firm Miller Barondess, LLP located in Los Angeles. He currently represents the interests of CNN broadcasting giant Larry King and his affiliated companies as his general counsel, and has also represented sports legends, presidential candidate Robert Dole, and numerous former Senators and members of Congress. Barondess serves on the Board of Directors of the Larry King Cardiac Foundation and as General Counsel for the Larry King Cardiac Foundation. He also serves on the Board of Governors of the Anti-Defamation League and as a member of the Board of Ambassadors of Project Restore at Johns Hopkins University.

Christopher Cerf

Co-Founder & President, Sirius Thinking, Ltd.

Christopher Cerf is an author, record and television producer, composer-lyricist, editor, humorist, and Co-Founder and President of the educational television production company, Sirius Thinking, Ltd., where he serves as Co-Executive Producer of the multiple award-winning children's literacy show, *Between the Lions*, and the new music education series, *Lomax, the Hound of Music*, scheduled to debut on PBS late 2008. Cerf has won three Emmys and two Grammys for his contributions to *Sesame Street*; was a Senior Editor at Random House where he worked on *Beginner Books*, edited by Dr. Seuss; and was a charter contributing editor of *National Lampoon*. He recently won his third Grammy for *Thanks & Giving All Year Long*, the album he co-produced with Marlo Thomas. He also co-edited the book version of *Thanks & Giving All Year Long*, and co-produced *Marlo Thomas & Friends' Free to Be...A Family* book, album and television special. *Mission Accomplished (or How We Won the War in Iraq)* became a national bestseller in 2008, the definitive compendium of Iraq War misstatements that Cerf co-authored with Victor S. Navasky.

Daniel Crown

President, Foray Entertainment

Coming from a family with a rich tradition of philanthropy, Daniel, along with his wife Ellen, continues that legacy with honor. He serves on the Board of a number of worthy and prestigious organizations, including Lenox Hill Hospital, Manhattan Eye Ear & Throat Hospital, The Allen-Stevenson School, The Jerusalem Foundation, The Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of America's Greater New York Chapter, Central Synagogue and the Mount Sinai Children's Center Foundation. He is also a Trustee at the New York Foundling Hospital. A native of Chicago, Daniel has been a resident of New York for more than 20 years. He and Ellen are the proud parents of four children and split their time between homes in New York and Connecticut.

Judith Glaser

CEO, Benchmark Communications, Inc.

Judith E. Glaser is a sought-after consultant and bestselling author of two books, *Creating We* and *The DNA of Leadership*, and is a keynote speaker with a revolutionary approach to transforming the workplace. Her company, Benchmark Communications, Inc., was founded in 1980 with the mission of working with CEOs and their teams to help focus leaders around new challenges in a world of moving targets. In 2007 she launched The Creating WE Institute to expand her work globally. Her clients include Pfizer, Coach, Merrill Lynch, Barclays, Estee Lauder and more. She was awarded Business Woman of the Year in New York City in 2004 and was inducted into the Temple University Gallery of Success in 2007. She has appeared on NBC's *The Today Show*, ABC, FOX TV, MSNBC, CNN and more, and has been quoted in *The New York Times*, *WSJ* and *Financial Times*. *Creating We* won the Bronze AXIOM Business Book Awards in leadership for 2008.

Victoria Goldman

Author & Philanthropist

Victoria Goldman is the author of five editions of *The Manhattan Family Guide to Private Schools*, *The Manhattan Directory to Private Nursery Schools* and one edition of *The Los Angeles Guide to Private Schools*. Ms. Goldman is a contributing writer to *The New York Times*, *Avenue* magazine and has a regular column, "Junior Ivy League" in *Our Town* and *The West Side Spirit*. She serves on the boards of the Educational Alliance, The Albert G. Oliver Scholarship Program and Riverdale Country School.

Nancy Hunt

President, We Are Family Foundation

Nancy Hunt has served as President of the We Are Family Foundation since its inception in 2002. Prior to that, she was the Executive Producer of the original 2001 “We Are Family” celebrity recording as well as the executive producer of *We Are Family: A Musical Message for All* children’s music video. Before her work with the Foundation, Hunt co-founded Smock Media, Inc., an art-based media company, and Notorious Entertainment, an upscale urban brand with media icon Sean “Diddy” Combs. She has also served as Director of Marketing for eyewear licensees, including Revlon, Crayola and Chevrolet. She is an award-winning photographer and holds a master’s degree in clinical psychology.

Michael Levine, Ph.D.

Executive Director, The Joan Ganz Cooney Center At Sesame Workshop

Dr. Levine oversees the Joan Ganz Cooney Center's efforts to catalyze and support research, innovation and investment in educational media technologies for young children. Dr. Levine previously served as Vice President of New Media and Executive Director of Education for Asia Society, managing the global nonprofit organization's interactive media and educational initiatives. Dr. Levine has been a frequent adviser to the U.S. Department of Education and the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, and is currently a senior associate at the Edward Zigler Center in Child Development and Social Policy at Yale University.

Norma Ramsey

Director, The Ramsey Foundation

Norma C. Ramsey is the Director of The Ramsey Foundation, a private charitable foundation dedicated to children, education and healthcare. Ms. Ramsey is involved with many charitable causes and serves as a trustee of the Inova Health System Foundation Board, the Make-A-Wish Foundation of the Mid-Atlantic, The Larry King Cardiac Foundation, The Wolf Trap Foundation and The Potomac School in McLean, Virginia. In 2004, she was awarded the Larry King “Spirit of Life Award” for extraordinary and lasting contributions in philanthropy. A Maryland native, Ms. Ramsey attended the University of Maryland and is a member of Kappa Delta Sorority and Phi Kappa Phi. Ms. Ramsey currently lives in Great Falls, Virginia with her husband and four children.

Nile Rodgers

Producer, Musician, Songwriter and Founder, We Are Family Foundation

Four-time Grammy nominee Nile Rodgers is one of the most enduring and prolific artists in the music business. In 1977, he and his late partner, Bernard Edwards, created the group CHIC, whose number-one hit “Le Freak,” remains Warner Bros.’ biggest-selling single of all time. Rodgers has produced, written or played for some of the greatest artists in the business, including Madonna, David Bowie, Diana Ross, Eric Clapton, Mick Jagger, Sting, Duran Duran, the B-52’s and Joss Stone. As artist, producer or writer, Rodgers is responsible for the sales of more than 100 million records—including his world-famous “We Are Family,” which he co-wrote with Edwards. Rodgers is currently the only African-American to own a national music distribution company. He also serves on the board of Connecticut Public Broadcasting, Inc. (CPTV/WNPR).

Warren Rosen

Founder & President, Rosen and Companies

Warren Rosen is the Founder and President of Rosen and Companies of NY and Harmony Insurance Brokerage, providing insurance, estate planning and employee benefits for over 5,000 individuals and 1,000 businesses nationally. He also recently started Legacy Options Group, a company focused on Charitable Planned Giving. Warren has been recognized as a leader in his industry, receiving a number of industry honors and advisory board positions, and has been quoted on insurance-related issues by numerous periodicals including *The New York Times* and *The Wall Street Journal*. Triggered by the tragic events of 9/11, and losing over 50 clients, Warren re-directed more of his attention to philanthropy and is now an Advisor and supporter to many charities across the globe. In 2007 Warren received the U.S. Doctors for Africa Global Citizen Award for Social Philanthropy. His daughter Raechel is the lead singer of Creation Teen Band, which has raised over \$100,000 for WAFF since 2005.

James Spanfeller

President & CEO, Forbes.com

Jim Spanfeller has been President and CEO of Forbes.com since 2000, homepage for the world's business leaders, and also oversees the company's affiliated sites, including ForbesAutos.com, ForbesTraveler.com, Investopedia.com, RealClearPolitics.com and Clipmarks.com. In 2007, Spanfeller was recognized by *BtoB Media Business* in its annual "Who's Who In Business Publishing," and has been named "Top Innovator in Business Publishing," "Top Interactive Executive for General Business Publishers" and "Top 25 Newsmakers" by *BtoB magazine*. During his tenure, Forbes.com landed #4 in BtoB magazine's annual "Media Power 50" list, and he was also inducted into min's first-ever Digital Hall of Fame. Prior to joining Forbes.com, Spanfeller was President of the Consumer Magazine Group of Ziff Davis Media, Inc; Publisher of Inc. magazine and held senior positions at Playboy Enterprises Publishing Group and Newsweek.

Caryl Stern

President & CEO, U.S. Fund for UNICEF

Caryl was appointed President and CEO of the U.S. Fund for UNICEF in May 2007 after first joining the staff as Chief Operating Officer in the fall of 2006. Before coming to the U.S. Fund, she served as Chief Operating Officer of the Anti-Defamation League (ADL) following many years as Education Director and director of ADL's A WORLD OF DIFFERENCE® INSTITUTE. Caryl has served as an advisor to education and anti-bias initiatives around the globe as well. In 2001, she was honored as one of "25 Moms We Love" by Working Mother magazine. Caryl currently serves on the Martin Luther King Memorial Foundation Board.

Richard Stierwalt

President & CEO, United Benefits & Pension Services, Inc.

Richard E. Stierwalt is the President and CEO of United Benefits & Pension Services, Inc., a nationally-focused consolidation of third-party administrators specializing in the Taft-Hartley marketplace. Mr. Stierwalt is a member of the Board of Directors and an owner of Saratoga Capital Management, a Mutual Fund Investment Advisor. He serves on the Board of Trustees at the University of Indianapolis and is also a Director of Biomega Laboratories, a cancer research company, and Harborside Resort, a Starwood Bahamian property. He serves on the Advisory Board of Droplets, Inc., a software development firm and is a Member of the Clinton Global Initiative.

Directors Emeritus

Gina Legnani

Co-Founder, Three Little Chicks, LLC

Gina B. Legnani is Co-Founder of Three Little Chicks LLC, a production company specializing in the development of children's programming, which in 2005 won a Prime-time Emmy & a Peabody award for co-producing *Classical Baby*, an HBO Family series. Prior to Three Little Chicks, she worked at The Jim Henson Company, where she implemented publicity efforts worldwide and worked closely with talent, namely Frank Oz. After 10 years at Muppets, she formed her own consulting company, where her clients included Disney Channel, *PBS Kids Sprout*, WGBH Boston and *the Muppets*, among others.

Tom Silverman

Founder & CEO, Tommy Boy Entertainment

The Founder and CEO of Tommy Boy Entertainment, Tom Silverman has released gold, platinum and multi-platinum albums by artists such as Everlast, Queen Latifah, Coolio, Naughty By Nature, De La Soul, Digital Underground and House of Pain, securing Tommy Boy as one of the most successful independent music companies in the world. He also created the New Music Seminar, an alternative music industry gathering, which was the biggest and most important convention in the music industry. He has served on the boards of many organizations, including the RIAA, the American Association for Independent Music, Sound Exchange, the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame, NARM, Merlin and the Dance Music Hall of Fame.

Steven Van Zandt

Musician, Actor & Activist

Acclaimed musician, human rights activist, actor and radio host, Steven Van Zandt is a founding member of Bruce Springsteen and the E Street Band as well as a noted solo artist, record producer and songwriter. As President of Artists United Against Apartheid, Van Zandt helped to spearhead the anti-apartheid movement in South Africa with the highly successful “Sun City” project, and in 1985 he established the Solidarity Foundation to work for the rights of indigenous peoples. The United Nations has honored him twice for his human rights achievements. Today, Van Zandt hosts his weekly syndicated radio show, *Little Steven’s Underground Garage*, and created and programs two formats on Sirius Satellite Radio, the Underground Garage channel and the Outlaw Country channel. Little Steven’s Underground Garage now reaches 1.2 million listeners in North America and airs internationally via the Voice of America.

Montel Williams

Founder, The Montel Williams MS Foundation

Montel Williams is best known as the Emmy Award-winning daytime talk show host for 17 years, but he wears many hats as a successful businessman, author, actor, lecturer and former Naval officer. His current projects include writing his eighth book, launching a unique international poker business, and the multi-media wellness program *Living Well with Montel*. He continues to serve as the national spokesperson for the PPA, a program helping over 5 million people receive medications they otherwise couldn't afford. He is also the Founder of The Montel Williams MS Foundation, dedicated to eradicating MS.

Board of Governors

Julius Akinyemi

Resident Entrepreneur, Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Julius Akinyemi is the Resident Entrepreneur at Massachusetts Institute of Technology, where he focuses on the Information Economy in Developing/Emerging nations that will empower people to invent new opportunities for themselves and their societies. Prior to MIT, Julius was the Director of Emerging Technologies at PepsiCo Inc., responsible for providing innovative business solutions and identifying new business-enabling technologies. Julius has also served as the CEO/Founder of Applied Technology Solutions and a member of the UN ICT Task Force Working Group. In addition, Julius has been the SVP for Wireless Business Technology at Wells Fargo Bank, managing its Emerging Technologies Group; and Director of Finance, MIS and Administration for Pan American World Airways based in Paris, France. Julius is a native of Nigeria and has an MBA from Ohio University. He holds an Intellectual Property Patent on “Virtual Private Message Broker.”

Khaliah Ali

Fashion Designer, Author & Activist

Khaliah Ali, daughter of legend and former heavyweight champion Muhammad Ali, is a successful fashion designer and author of *Fighting Weight*. Ali serves as the National Spokesperson for the Hand in Hand With Children Campaign, The National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, and is a board member for such charitable organizations as Project Sunshine, The Salvation Army's Soup's On, and Help USA. She was nominated for a regional Emmy for her Education is Paramount program, and was nominated to run for a seat in the Pennsylvania House of Representatives.

John J. Barbis

Acting Sr. Advisor, EMI North America

Johnny Barbis, one of the most trusted and knowledgeable executives in the music industry, began his career in 1972 at Shelter Records in radio promotion. He later served in similar capacities at London Records and Chrysalis Records, as a Vice President at ABC Records, and as a Senior Executive at Geffen Records before forming his own film and music marketing company, B&W Marketing. In 1998, he moved to PolyGram, where he held a number of executive positions such as President & CEO of Chris Blackwell's legendary Island Records. During his extensive career, he has worked with such luminaries as The Rolling Stones, John Lennon, the Bee Gees, Peter Gabriel, Don Henley, Elton John, Robbie Robertson, U2, Melissa Etheridge, and LL Cool J.

Johanna Bennett

Philanthropist, Actor & Sales Associate, Sotheby's International Realty

Johanna Bennett, daughter of Tony Bennett, has been immersed in entertainment and the arts since birth. As a child, she frequently sang alongside her father onstage. While studying at The Lee Strasberg Theatre and Film Institute for acting, she landed a role in *Goodfellas* and has since then continued her acting career in many off-Broadway, film and television productions. Johanna received further schooling in design and art, but decided to switch her focus to real estate, selling high-end property worldwide with Sotheby's International Realty. Having a passion for philanthropy, Johanna is involved with and fundraises for many nonprofit organizations including MusiCares and The Shang-Shung Institute in America.

Glen Ellen Brown

Vice President, Director of Hearst Brand Development

Glen Ellen, Vice President, Director of Hearst Brand Development (HBD) for Hearst Magazines, repositioned the division as national lifestyle business and expanded Hearst's magazine brand franchises across multiple product categories and distribution channels, with global success in consumer, wireless, entertainment and lifestyle products. Prior to 2001, Brown was SVP, GM and member of executive management team of Imix.com, a business-to-business and consumer site for personalized digital entertainment for marketing, sales, business development, product development and operations. She has held a number of senior strategy/brand marketing positions: SVP, at Kenneth Cole Productions, VP, Consumer Products at MTV; Director of Marketing, consumer products, The Walt Disney Corporation, and VP at Grey Advertising, Inc. She is a Catalyst Board of Advisors Member, and resides in Manhattan.

Allan Buchman

Artistic Director, The Culture Project

Buchman began his career as a theater producer ten years ago when a piano workshop on East 91st Street was converted to a performance space in 1991 and the Culture Project was born. Now in its third location, Culture Project has enjoyed many successful productions including *And God Created Great Whales*, *The Exonerated*, Sarah Jones' *bridge & tunnel* (which transferred to Broadway), *Guantanamo: Honor Bound to Defend Freedom*, and Pulitzer Prize winner Lawrence Wright's *My Trip to Al-Qaeda*. Culture Project's dedication to presenting work that addresses political and social issues has made it a destination not only for savvy New Yorkers, but also for theatergoers from around the globe.

Joe DiMaggio Jr.

Chef & CEO, SA ZA Serious Pizza

Chef Joe DiMaggio Jr. is the CEO/Founder of SA ZA Serious Pizza, Restaurant Innovations & Blazing Foods LLC, and has over 28 years in the hospitality industry with most of his experience in the high-quality sector of the restaurant field. Joe studied under acclaimed Chef and Michelin Recipient, Jacques Maximin, at the Hotel Negresco in Nice, France. He has acted as spokesperson for the Florida Department of Citrus and has received over 500 write-ups in publications across the world. Other notables include many television appearances and cooking for numerous A-list celebrities. Additionally, his restaurant in Toronto, The Wet Paint Café, received over 90 articles in the first 60 days of opening and became “the place to be seen.” He has an attitude that inspires, and a focus and work ethic that translate into great culinary representations.

Robert Dragotta

President, Airplay America

An award-winning producer of theater and documentary film, Robert Dragotta is devoted to promoting peace and reconciliation worldwide. He hosts Action For Change, a program of Initiative Of Change International each year and has been host to Seeking Common Ground, which brings Israeli and Palestinian girls together each summer to better understand each others' culture and religion. His film *Encounters with Truth*, featuring Rajmohan Gandhi, grandson of Mahatma Gandhi, won several international awards including the Golden Eagle from CINE. From 1985 to 1998, Dragotta was President of National Out-of-Home Media Inc. with offices in New York, Chicago, Los Angeles, London and Budapest. He is currently President of Airplay America, which owns The Salon Channel, America's newest digital media company.

Kelly Ellison

CEO, GotchaGiftRegistry.com

Kelly Ellison has more than 20 years experience working in the nonprofit sector as a social entrepreneur. Her work with youth programs has taken her to Washington, D.C., working with such organizations as Points of Light Foundation, Foundation of America, Corporation for National Service, America's Promise, Youth Service America and Camp Fire USA, where she served as the VP of Marketing and Development. She is currently the CEO of GotchaGiftRegistry.com, an online adoption gift registry service helping adoptive families meet the financial needs of an adoption. She also serves as a member of the scholarship selection committee for the Rosalyn Carter Institute's Intergenerational Caregivers Scholarship Award.

Susan Mufson Finkelstein

Activist & Philanthropist

Susan Mufson Finkelstein is a dedicated humanitarian endeavoring to make the world a better place by collaborating and partnering with others to connect diverse people of all races, ages, ideas and backgrounds. Susan manages a family foundation that awards money to peace-promoting charities worldwide that expand and empower youth through performing arts, leadership training and health education. Susan is also involved with a number of nonprofits that support the environment and conservation of land. Prior to her focus in the nonprofit sector, Susan worked in marketing, pricing and strategic planning for a variety of telecommunications companies. Susan received her Bachelor of Science in Business from the University of Florida and is the proud mother of three children.

Laura Bauer Granberry

Director of National Initiatives, Rosalynn Carter Institute for Caregiving

Laura is Director of National Initiatives for the Rosalynn Carter Institute for Caregiving (RCI) at Georgia Southwestern State University. Laura has co-authored two of RCI's signature training programs, *Caring for You, Caring for Me – Education and Support for Family and Professional Caregivers, 2nd Edition* and *Caring and Competent Caregivers: Professionals Helping Families*. She has co-authored journal articles in *Health & Social Work (2006)* and *Educational Gerontology (2004)*, and contributed chapters to two books, *Voices of Caregiving* (LaChance Publishing, 2008) and *Re-Creating Neighborhoods for Successful Aging* (Health Professions Press, 2008). Laura holds a Bachelor of Science in psychology and a Master of Public Administration from Columbus State University. She holds a certificate in gerontology from Georgia Southwestern State University, where she also serves as an instructor and advisor to incoming freshmen.

Michael Goldstein

Chairman, Israel Discount Bank of New York

Michael Goldstein is the Chairman of the Israel Discount Bank of New York. Prior to his current position, Mr. Goldstein held the positions of Chairman of the Toys 'R' Us Children's Fund and CEO & Chairman of the Board of Toys 'R' Us Inc. He has also served as Senior Executive Vice President, Operations and Finance of Lerner Stores Corporation, as well as a Partner of Ernst & Young in New York and on the Advisory Committee for Trade Policy and Negotiations for President George W. Bush. He is currently the Chairman of the 92nd Street Y and serves on numerous boards.

Tommy Hilfiger

Founder, Tommy Hilfiger Corporate Foundation

For over 20 years, Tommy Hilfiger has brought classic, cool American apparel to consumers around the world. His designs give time-honored classics a fresh look for today's consumers, and his discerning taste has provided the foundation for the growth of a global brand. Under Hilfiger's guidance, vision and leadership as Principal Designer, and under the business direction of CEO Fred Gehring, the Tommy Hilfiger Group has become one of very few globally recognized designer brands offering men's, women's and children's apparel, sportswear, denim and a range of licensed products such as accessories, fragrances and home furnishings. Hilfiger launched the Tommy Hilfiger Corporate Foundation in 1995 to help empower America's youth. Through the foundation, Hilfiger is actively involved in a number of charities and causes, including the Washington, D.C. Martin Luther King Jr. National Memorial Project Foundation, The Fresh Air Fund (Camp Tommy) and the Race to Erase MS (Multiple Sclerosis).

John Hunt

Serial Entrepreneur

John Hunt began his career at Procter & Gamble in Europe, later became head of marketing at Kraft Jacobs Suchard in the Middle East and Africa, and then established four successful new ventures: Seattle Coffee Company is a chain of espresso bars which his co-founders sold to Starbucks in 1998; Syzygy is an e-business consultancy; Obongo is a software company acquired by AOL Time Warner in 2001; Oriel is the world's first global range of fine wines. John is also an active private investor.

Jamal Joseph

Professor & Chair, Columbia University's Graduate Film Division

Jamal Joseph is a writer, director, documentary filmmaker, professor at Columbia University's Graduate School of the Arts, and Founder & Artistic Director of Academy Award-nominated IMPACT Repertory Theatre. Joseph, a former Black Panther Party member, is the Co-Founder of The International Black Panther Film Festival. He has directed over 25 feature films and documentaries, and has executive produced a spoken word CD: *The Rose That Grew From Concrete* with Afeni Shakur, featuring performances by Sonia Sanchez, Quincy Jones and Danny Glover. Joseph is a three-time winner of the National Black Programming Consortium's Prize Pieces Award, a two-time winner of the Black Filmmaker Hall of Fame Award, a winner of the International Film and Video Association Award, and a recipient of the New York Fine Arts Fellowship.

Henry Juskiewicz

Chairman & CEO, Gibson Guitar Corp.

Mr. Juskiewicz grew up in Rochester, NY and worked his way through school playing guitar – a Gibson, of course. He completed his MBA at Harvard University on a General Motors Fellowship. In 1986, Juskiewicz and his partners acquired the faltering Gibson guitar operation. His aggressive management style and innovative marketing transformed Gibson from the brink of closure to a company respected worldwide, with an annual average growth of 20 percent over the last decade. Juskiewicz began fulfilling his vision of Gibson as a full-line, global musical instrument company by acquiring other instrument companies, establishing a Gibson-owned European distribution center with joint-venture distributors, and obtaining manufacturing facilities in China. Henry resides in Nashville, Tennessee with his wife, Catherine, and children.

Larry King

Talk Show Host & Founder, Larry King Cardiac Foundation

Emmy Award-winning Larry King has been dubbed “the most remarkable talk-show host on TV ever” by TV Guide and “master of the mike” by *Time* magazine. CNN’s *Larry King Live* is the first and only worldwide phone-in television talk show and is CNN’s highest-rated program. Mr. King has written multiple books and received innumerable awards as well as honorary degrees from George Washington University, the New England Institute of Technology, Brooklyn College, and the Pratt Institute. Mr. King is also the founder of the Larry King Cardiac Foundation and the Larry King Scholarships at George Washington University.

Shawn King

Chairperson, Larry King Cardiac Foundation

An actress and successful vocalist, Shawn Southwick-King frequently guest-starred on many popular prime-time television shows in the '80s and hosted USA Cable Network’s *Hollywood Insider* in the '90s. She recently released her new CD entitled *In My Own Backyard*. She is a successful businesswoman and entrepreneur who also serves as the chairperson of the Larry King Cardiac Foundation.

VADM (Ret.) Albert H. Konetzni Jr.

President, West Valley Environmental Services Company

Vice Admiral Konetzni has had a long and distinguished career in the U.S. Navy since his graduation from the Naval Academy in 1966. Konetzni, a career nuclear submariner, was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal twice by the Navy and once by the U.S. Coast Guard. As a result of his mentoring and people skills, he is affectionately referred to as "Big Al the Sailor's Pal" by generations of sailors. Al is a Senior Vice President for URS Corporation and currently serves as the President of West Valley Environmental Services Company near Buffalo, New York.

Raymond Kotcher

CEO & Senior Partner, Ketchum

Raymond L. Kotcher is CEO and a Senior Partner of Ketchum, a unit of Omnicom Group, and one of the world's largest public relations agencies, with offices and affiliates on six continents. During his tenure as CEO, Ketchum has received 44 Silver Anvil awards, the industry's highest honor, bringing Ketchum's total number of Anvils to a record 107. Ketchum also was named *PRWeek's* 2002 Agency of the Year. Mr. Kotcher received a Bachelor of Arts in English from the State University of New York at Geneseo and serves as a trustee of the Geneseo Foundation Board. Mr. Kotcher also holds a Master of Science in Public Relations from Boston University's College of Communication, where he gave the commencement address in 2006. In 2008, he was honored as a distinguished alumnus of the entire University.

Mitchell Kriegman

Writer & Producer, Wainscott Studios & East Hampton Studios

Mitchell Kriegman is a television writer and producer who has written for *The New Yorker* and *Harper's Bazaar*, as well as for the screenplay *The Adventures of Elmo in Grouchland*. After working with *Saturday Night Live*, Kriegman worked on award-winning series for Comedy Central, Nick at Nite and Disney Channel. He is the creator of *Clarissa Explains It All*, *Bear in the Big Blue House* – which won two Directors Guild awards and two Emmys for Best Direction – and *Book of Pooh*. He was also an Executive Head Writer and developer of *Rugrats*, *Ren and Stimpy*, *Doug* and *Life with Derek*. He currently has a deal with Focus Features to write, direct and produce *The New Girl*. Other awards include Emmys for *Rugrats* and *The Book of Pooh* and multiple Parents Choice Awards. Kriegman's Wainscott Productions develops innovative, cost-effective production techniques for film and television. Besides holding several patents for hybrid animation technologies, Kriegman also owns Wainscott Studios and co-owns East Hampton Studios.

Curtis Mack

Partner, McGuire Woods, LLP

Curtis L. Mack is a partner at McGuire Woods LLP, and leads the Atlanta Labor and Employment Group. Mr. Mack is a former law professor for the University of Florida where he taught labor and employment law. He also served as adjunct professor of labor law at the University of Michigan School of Law and Emory University. Mr. Mack was previously regional director of the NLRB Atlanta region, as well as general counsel and chairman of the Florida Public Employee Relations Commission. He has served as Chairman of the Human Relations Commission of the City of Atlanta since 1989, and is on the Boards of the Atlanta Legal Diversity Consortium and Legal Momentum.

William Margaritis

**Corporate VP of Worldwide Communications and Investor Relations,
FedEx Corporation**

William G. Margaritis is responsible for all public relations, investor relations, employee communications, and community relations activities for FedEx Corporation and its subsidiaries. Prior to joining FedEx, Margaritis was vice president of Bechtel International, based in London, England, responsible for managing the public relations and marketing communications program for Europe, Middle East, Africa, and Southwest Asia. He serves on various boards, including the Larry King Cardiac Foundation, Arthur Page Society, the Reputation Institute and the Memphis Big Brothers/Big Sisters Organization. A native of Greece, Margaritis earned his bachelor's degree in business from Michigan State University.

Tod Martin

President & CEO, Unboundary

Tod Martin is President and CEO of Unboundary, a consulting firm that helps leaders who want their companies to make a difference in the world. Unboundary is unique in its ability to marry strategic consulting with the creativity of a design studio, helping ensure that a company becomes what the world expects of it. Clients include Accenture, FedEx, IBM, Interface, Johnson & Johnson, Schwab, The Coca-Cola Company and We Are Family Foundation. The firm is headquartered in Atlanta with an office in New York. Tod helped found the firm in 1988, became a partner in 1994, and sole owner in 1999. Previously, Tod was SVP, Account Director at BBDO Worldwide.

David Mashaal

Managing Member, Mashaal & Associates, PLLC

David R. Mashaal is the managing member of Mashaal & Associates PLLC, a full service transactional law firm based in Manhattan. He was previously associated with the law firms of Morrison, Cohen, Singer & Weinstein LLP and Rubin, Baum, Levin, Constant & Friedman. He has represented clients in a wide range of complex corporate and real estate transactions as well as musicians, record labels, and management companies with respect to their entertainment and intellectual property matters.

Laurie Meadoff

Co-Founder & CEO, Chat Ventures

Laurie Meadoff is Co-Founder & CEO of Chat Ventures, a New York-based for-profit production company focusing on youth television programming that connects young people around the world. Passionately envisioning a world without barriers and prejudice, Ms. Meadoff strives to build these bridges through tolerance and understanding, and her primary tool of choice is dialogue. In 2001, she received a Rockefeller fellowship and began to create the innovative television/web program, Chat the Planet – a conduit of conversation with diverse groups of young people around the globe via satellite. Most recently she executive produced the critical acclaimed web series “Hometown Baghdad,” which reached millions of online viewers. Additionally, Ms. Meadoff has executive produced programming for Nickelodeon, Disney Channel, ABC, HBO Family, MTV and VH1; and is the Founder of The CityKids Foundation, known for its artistic and leadership programming.

Jason Meyers

Chairman & CEO, Aspatuck Holdings Ltd.

Jason Meyers has over 20 years of extensive investment and merchant banking experience and has led or participated in the origination and syndication of a wide array of private and public financings in industries including entertainment, technology, healthcare and financial services. Mr. Meyers currently serves as Chairman and CEO of Aspatuck Holdings Ltd., a New York-based private equity firm that he founded in 2002 to specialize in corporate restructurings as well as provide capital for emerging growth companies. Mr. Meyers is also Managing Director of Internet Capital Markets Corp., Chairman of Turbodyne Technologies, Inc. (TRBD-OTC) and CEO of TriMedia Entertainment Group, Inc. (TMEG-OTC). Mr. Meyers is a guitar and music enthusiast, and has an extensive collection of guitars and rock n’ roll memorabilia.

Steven Musumeci

COO, HealthCor Management, L.P.

Steven J. Musumeci is Chief Operating Officer of HealthCor Management, L.P., an investment advisory firm that is focused principally on the global healthcare and life sciences sectors. Prior to helping establish HealthCor in September 2005, Mr. Musumeci was a Senior Counsel at Meister Seelig & Fein, LLP for several years where he focused his practice on hedge funds and corporate transactions. From 2000 until 2001, Mr. Musumeci was an investment banker at Robertson Stephens International in London where he helped establish an investment banking group focused on the communications industry. Prior to joining Robertson Stephens, he worked at BNP Paribas in the International Finance and Legal Group from 1997 until 2000. From 1991 until 1997, Mr. Musumeci was an associate in the corporate department of Rogers & Wells. Mr. Musumeci received a B.A. in Economics from Boston College in 1988 and a J.D. from Georgetown University in 1991.

Alan Osmond

Singer & Songwriter

Singer, songwriter, spokesperson and leader of the Osmond Brothers, Alan Osmond has had a 50-year career as a recording artist, producer and composer. He is happily married and is the father of eight sons known as The Osmonds – Second Generation. He is a publisher for “Strengthen Families” at TheFamily.com and the Osmond Network web sites. Together with One Heart Foundation and his family’s Osmond Foundation, he helped organize and start the Children’s Miracle Network Telethon, which has raised over three billion dollars to date for children’s hospitals. As a man of faith, he pursues life positively with his battle with Multiple Sclerosis and says, “I may have M.S... but, M.S. does NOT have me!”

Michael Ostin

Entertainment Industry Executive

One of the most respected executives in the music business, Michael Ostin began his career at Warner Bros., where he both signed and recorded some of the greatest artists in music history, including The B-52’s, Eric Clapton, Madonna, Paul Simon, Prince, Seal, Greenday, and Quincy Jones. He then served as the President of DreamWorks Records from its inception until its sale to the Universal Music Group. He continues to consult with DreamWorks as well as other clients and is currently producing television and film projects.

Kate Pierson

Musician, The B-52's

Kate Pierson is a founding member of the rock band The B-52's. Dubbed the "World's Greatest Party Band," The B-52's have been recording and touring since 1979 and are still going strong. Along with The B-52's, Pierson has been active in many causes, including animal rights, environmental, and AIDS-related charities. The B-52's continue to tour and are currently working on a new CD.

Brett Ratner

Film Director

In a very short time, Brett Ratner has established himself as one of Hollywood's most successful directors with credits such as *Money Talks*, *The Rush Hour* franchise, *The Family Man*, *Red Dragon*, *After the Sunset* and *X-Men: The Last Stand*. Ratner has shattered several box office records and has grossed more than \$1.5 billion worldwide with just eight feature films. He has directed more than 100 music videos for artists including Madonna, Mariah Carey, Jessica Simpson, Jay-Z, Miley Cyrus, Wu-Tang and many others. Awards include an MTV Video Music Award for directing Madonna's "Beautiful Stranger," an MTV Movie Award for *Rush Hours 2* and a TONY Award for producing *Def Poetry on Broadway*. Ratner is currently on the Boards of Best Buddies and Chrysalis, receiving the Spirit of Chrysalis Award for his dedication and leadership in helping economically disadvantaged and homeless individuals change their lives through jobs. Ratner is also the youngest member of the Board of Trustees of the Simon Wiesenthal Center & Museum of Tolerance.

Irwin Redlener, MD

Co-Founder & President of The Children's Health Fund

Dr. Redlener is President of The Children's Health Fund (CHF), a philanthropic initiative he co-founded with Paul Simon, created to develop health care programs in some of the nation's most medically underserved communities. Recognized as a national expert on a range of issues, Dr. Redlener has published, spoken and testified extensively on the subjects of health care for homeless and indigent children, child abuse, national disaster preparedness, pandemic influenza, among other related issues. He is also Associate Dean and professor of Clinical Public Health and Pediatrics, as well as Director of the National Center for Disaster Preparedness at the Columbia University Mailman School of Public Health. Dr. Redlener is the author of *Americans At Risk: Why We Are Not Prepared For Megadisasters* and *What We Can Do Now*, published in August 2006 by Alfred A. Knopf, Inc.

Chris Royer

President, CRC Inc.

An expert in fashion and beauty, Christine Royer is currently the President of CRC Inc., a consulting firm that specializes in strategic marketing and licensing. For the last several years, she has also been developing the highly successful Betsey Johnson licensing program. In 1992 she created the Revlon Licensing Program and was the VP of Product Development for the Revlon Licensing Dept. until 1997. From 1990-1992 she served as VP for Revlon's Ultima Division, and from 1986-1990 she was Licensing Director for Halston Enterprises, a division of Revlon. In the early 1970s, Chris started working with Halston as his model/muse/spokesperson and Halston Enterprise until 1992. She has consulted and contributed on numerous Halston fashion projects and exhibitions, and continues to aid historical inquiries. In 2007, the H Company/Halston Board voted Chris to serve as Halston Archivist on the Advisory Board.

Richard Schaeffer

Retired Chairman, NYMEX Holdings, Inc. & NYMEX Holdings

Richard Schaeffer is the Retired Chairman of NYMEX Holdings, Inc. and the New York Mercantile Exchange, Inc. He became a member of the Board of Directors in 1990, was Exchange Treasurer from 1993 to 2004, and served as Vice Chairman from 2004 to 2006. Mr. Schaeffer is deeply involved with children's charities. He co-chairs the NYMEX Charitable Foundation board, is active with New York Weill Cornell Medical Center, and each year hosts a New Year's Eve party for seriously ill children in the pediatrics unit at the hospital. Mr. Schaeffer was Chai Lifeline Man of the Year in 2005 and is a long-time participant in the WFAN Radiothon, raising funds for Tomorrows Children's Fund.

Danny Schechter

Producer, Filmmaker & News Dissector

Emmy Award-winning Danny Schechter is a television producer and independent filmmaker who also writes and speaks about media issues. He is the Executive Editor and Blogger-in-Chief at MediaChannel.org, the world's largest online media issues network, as well as Co-Founder and Executive Producer of Globalvision, a New York-based television and film production company. Danny directed *The Making and Meaning of We Are Family* in 2001 and has just written a new book on the economic crisis called *PLUNDER* (Cosimo Books). His latest film, *Viva Madiba*, is a tribute to Nelson Mandela at age 90.

Henry Schleiff

President & CEO of Crown Media Holdings, Inc.

Television veteran Henry Schleiff is President and CEO of Crown Media Holdings, Inc., and owner and operator of Hallmark Channel and Hallmark Movie Channel. He is also Vice Chairman of the Board of Directors for the International Radio & Television Society Foundation, Inc. (IRTS) and serves as a member of the Board of Directors for The International Council, The Creative Coalition, U.S. Fund for UNICEF, Help USA, Theatreworks USA, Guild Hall of East Hampton, The Hamptons International Film Festival, The American Museum of the Moving Image, The Cable Center. He also serves on the Board of Governors of the Museum of Television and Radio Media Center, as well as the Dean's Council of the Tisch School of the Arts, New York University and the Executive Leadership Cabinet of the Martin Luther King, Jr. National Memorial Foundation.

Gregory Smith

Motivational Speaker & Youth Advocate

At the age of 19, Gregory Smith has a career as a motivational speaker and a world-recognized advocate for children and peace. He is a five-time nominee for the Nobel Peace Prize, has appeared on numerous television shows and has met with Presidents, Nobel Peace Laureates, religious leaders and educators, including Bill Clinton, Mikhail Gorbachev and Desmond Tutu. At the age of 13 he received his Bachelor of Science Degree in Mathematics with Phi Beta Kappa Honors, and in May of 2006 Gregory received his Master of Science Degree in Mathematics, becoming the youngest graduate degree recipient in the history of the University of Virginia. Now living in the northeast United States, Gregory is currently working toward his second graduate degree in computational biology.

Deborah Smolover

Director of Public Policy, Yale Child Study Center

After a distinguished career as Associate Deputy Attorney General at the U.S. Department of Justice, Deborah S. Smolover, J.D., now serves as Director of Public Policy at the Yale Child Study Center/National Center for Children Exposed to Violence and directs the National Center's public policy initiatives in Washington, D.C. She also serves on the Board of Directors of numerous national and local charitable organizations focusing on children, youth and families.

Jeni Stepanek, Ph.D.

Mattie's Mom

A noted advocate for children's and families' rights in health and education, Jeni Stepanek has spoken on television, radio and in print about disability, hospice, family support, parenting, writing, motivation, spirituality and many other topics, all while battling a rare form of muscular dystrophy. Her youngest son, Mattie, was a poet and peacemaker whose bestselling books have inspired millions. Mattie created poetry from age 3 until he passed away in 2004 at age 13 from muscular dystrophy. Jeni earned her doctoral degree in Early Childhood Special Education at the University of Maryland, specializing in anticipatory grief and family support.

Richard Stolley

Senior Editorial Adviser, Time Inc.

Award-winning writer, editor, reporter and Bureau Chief at Time Inc. since 1953, Richard Stolley is currently Senior Editorial Adviser of Time Inc. He founded *People* magazine and was named to the American Society of Magazine Editors' Hall of Fame in 1996. Among his other awards is the Henry Johnson Fisher Award for Lifetime Achievement in magazines, the most prestigious award the industry bestows from the Magazine Publishers of America. He has also edited three best-selling photographic histories of the 20th century.

Nestor Torres

Musician

Perhaps the greatest contemporary Latin jazz flautist, Nestor Torres, after suffering a horrific accident, came back to earn worldwide acclaim for his unique mix of Latin, jazz, and pop music. Nominated for several Latin Grammy Awards, Torres won it in 2001 for his CD *This Side of Paradise*, a bittersweet victory given the fact that the Awards' ceremony was scheduled for 9/11/2001. Torres has received numerous awards and commendations, including two honorary doctorates for his commitment to youth education and cultural exchange. His CD *Dances, Prayers & Meditations For Peace* signals a new departure, as Mr. Torres expands his range of activities to include teaching, lecturing and speaking, while continuing to perform and record.

Florindo (Fred) Volpacchio

Relationship Manager & Vice President, Credit Suisse Private Bank

Florindo “Fred” Volpacchio has a 21-year career in wealth management, having spent 17 years at the Citigroup Private Bank and 2.5 years at HSBC Private Bank. Fred is currently the Relationship Manager & Vice President with Credit Suisse Private Bank, working closely as an advisor and banker for high net worth individuals, most of whom are in art, entertainment and Wall Street. Prior to entering financial services, Fred was a university instructor in political science. He has advanced degrees from Columbia and York University, and did his undergraduate work at Vassar College. Fred was an editor at Telos, a journal of contemporary European social theory, where he also worked with Frank Zappa to help with Zappa’s initiatives in the newly liberated countries of Eastern Europe.

Dionne Warwick

Singer & Songwriter

An international music legend, Grammy Award–winning singer Dionne Warwick has nearly 60 charted hits since the beginning of her extraordinary career. In recent years, she has led the music industry in the fight against AIDS. Her Grammy-winning, chart topping, single “That’s What Friends Are For,” led the way by raising millions of dollars for AIDS research. In October 2002, Warwick was named a Global Ambassador for the United Nations’ Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO).

Dr. Claire Wiseman

Clinical Psychologist & Professor, Yale School of Medicine

Claire V. Wiseman, Ph.D., is a clinical psychologist specializing in the understanding and prevention of eating disorders. She is currently a Clinical Professor of Psychiatry at the Yale School of Medicine and in private practice in West Hartford, CT. She is also Director of Oden’s Dans, an equine assisted psychotherapy program at Locket’s Meadow Farm in Bethany. Dr. Wiseman is often called upon to give her expert opinions by the news media.