

Terry Heilman Sylvester

Terry Heilman Sylvester considers it a privilege to have spent much of her adult life in fundraising.

After graduating from the Robins School of Business at the University of Richmond, she started her early career in marketing with the Xerox Corporation.

While raising her four daughters, she parlayed that experience into supporting nonprofit organizations as a development and fundraising consultant, working primarily with youth and children's ministries domestically and internationally.

Terry's father, E. Bruce Heilman, President and Chancellor of the University of Richmond, for over forty years, was considered one of the outstanding college presidents in the nation, primarily for his fundraising prowess.

Considered a 'chip off the old block', Terry joined UR's Board of Trustees, serving while her four daughters were students at the University. After two terms as a trustee, she joined the Advancement Staff, as the first Director of Parent Philanthropy, raising millions each year through parent support.

Terry continues to serve the University. Most recently she served as a member of the Presidential Search Committee, and as a trustee emeritus, a member of the Executive Board of Advisors of the Jepson School of Leadership. She continues as a major donor, supporting an endowment established by Terry and her husband, in support of spiritual awareness for students. In 2010, the University recognized Terry's remarkable contributions to the University with the Alumni Distinguished Service award, one of two awarded.

Terry is the former Executive Director of the Down Syndrome Connection, an organization in the San Francisco Bay Area dedicated to improving the quality of life for children with Down Syndrome.

In addition to her support of the University of Richmond, Terry currently serves as a member of the Board of Trustees of Campbellsville University in Kentucky. She is also on the Development Advisory board for Club Beyond/ Young Life, the Stewardship committee at her church, and a faculty member of the Institute for Charitable Giving.