

Bonnie McElveen-Hunter

Ambassador Bonnie McElveen-Hunter is the founder and CEO of Pace, the largest independently owned custom content agency in the nation, serving Fortune 500 and leading companies including Walmart, Wells Fargo, Verizon, Southwest Airlines, and Four Seasons Hotels and Resorts. McElveen-Hunter was appointed as the first woman national chairman of the board of the American Red Cross in 2004 and is currently serving her fourth term. She co-founded The Tiffany Circle Society of Women Leaders, which has grown to include 63 chapters nationwide and has raised over \$100 million dollars for the American Red Cross.

In 2001, McElveen-Hunter served as U.S. Ambassador to the Republic of Finland. There, she initiated the Stop Child Trafficking: End Modern-Day Slavery and Children of Karelia program, as well as founded the Women Business Leaders Summit®, a model for business entrepreneurship partnering women business leaders that continues around the world. She was awarded one of Finland's highest honors—The Commander Grand Cross of the Order of the Lion.

A long-time philanthropist and charitable-cause activist, McElveen-Hunter has served as a member of the International Board of Directors of Habitat for Humanity, chaired the Alexis de Tocqueville Society, served on the United Way of America Board as a member of its National Leadership Council, and founded the United Way Billion Dollar National Women's Leadership Initiative, which has raised over \$1.5 billion dollars. In 2013, she was inducted into the Horatio Alger Association of Distinguished Americans.

Her current board service includes the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, The National Museum of Women in the Arts, Society of the Four Arts, The Norton Museum of Art, Macedonian Ministry, Inc., Elon University School of Law, The Blair House Foundation, and the White House Historical Association.

Born in South Carolina, she now lives in Florida and Washington, D.C. She is the mother of Bynum Merritt Hunter, Jr.

