

Trustee Spotlight: Bob Henricksen

Bob Henricksen, a 31-year resident of northwest Houston, has been a devoted Cy-Fair Educational Foundation (CFEF) supporter for 20 years, a Trustee for the past fifteen, and was Chairman from 2001-2003.

Henricksen's twenty-two years of experience at The Redstone Companies (the last 2-1/2 as CEO) – including the oversight of hospitality real estate and private equity activities have proven invaluable in the often complex financial world of contributions and endowments.

In addition to his general Trustee responsibilities, Henricksen has, in the past, served on the CFEF's Finance Committee and channeled his love of golf and commitment to this organization as a Chair on the annual fundraising event – The B.F. Adam Golf Classic.

When asked about the primary role of the CFEF, Henricksen replied: "Higher education is probably one of the most, if not the most important element in the future success of our kids, this community and our country," said Henricksen. "There are so many students in Cy-Fair ISD that deserve a chance to pursue careers that, without help from scholarships, would not otherwise be available to them. It is our goal at the CFEF to continue to grow the number of available scholarships and to also keep pace with inflation in education."

Henricksen also feels that increasing the number of endowments and the value of current endowments will help the CFEF to provide help to even more students. "We would like to get to a point where endowments cover all scholarship awards" Henricksen said.

Bob, a Vietnam veteran who proudly served his country as a Captain in the United States Marine Corps, has been married to his wonderful wife, Marilyn, for 44 years. The couple has two daughters and four grandchildren. Bob was previously president (and is currently principal bassoonist) at the Symphony North of Houston – a community based orchestra composed of a very special group of classical musicians. The group performs six concerts a year at Northwoods Presbyterian Church and supports young artists of Houston by sponsoring an annual Young Artist Competition. Henricksen enjoys golf, traveling, and spending quality time with his family at their home in Estes Park, Colorado.

We thank Bob Henricksen for his years of dedication and support, and we look forward to the many years of success to come.