

Biographical Sketch

Anthony (Tony) Wagner

Tony is an Executive Leadership Fellow at the Center for Integrative Leadership in the University of Minnesota's Humphrey Institute for Public Policy. He retired in 2011 after 35 years as President and CEO of Pillsbury United Communities, a not-for-profit community based organization with several locations in Minneapolis neighborhoods. As President and CEO, Tony also provided leadership to 20 other nonprofit organizations and charter schools affiliated with Pillsbury United Communities.

In 1989, Tony was elected the first chairman of the Forum for Non-Profit Leadership consisting of the CEO's of the 40 largest non-profit organizations in the Twin Cities. He also served as President of United Neighborhood Centers of America, the MACC Alliance and Commonwealth, the International Federating of Settlements and Neighborhood Centers, St. Olaf Retirement Communities, and the St. Olaf Retirement Communities Foundation. He also chaired the Minneapolis Area United Way Council of Agency Executives.

Tony grew up in North Minneapolis and, as a child, was a client of Pillsbury United Communities. He attended the University of Minnesota where he received his BA and MSW Degrees. His education was interrupted by military service, during which he served in the Republic of Viet Nam as a 1st Lieutenant in the Capital Military Assistance Command. Tony was an assistant professor at Augsburg College for four years and is a graduate of the Hubert H. Humphrey Institute's Reflective Leadership Program and St. Thomas University's Institute for Renewing Community Leadership.

Tony is recognized as a leader and expert in management, board development, and non-profit community issues. Last year, he was honored with the "Transformational Leader" award by the Minnesota Council on Nonprofits. In 1987 he received the "Excellence in Not-for-Profit Management" award by the United Way of Minneapolis and St. Paul and the Wilder Foundation and, in 1994, the "Outstanding Service" Award by United Neighborhood Centers of America. He has presented papers at International conferences in Helsinki, Finland and Jerusalem, Israel. In addition, he has written several articles and essays on management and the condition of the not-for-profit system.

Tony and his wife Marie of 44 years, have two married daughters and five grandchildren.