



## **Shirley and Walter Massey**

Born and raised in Chicago, Shirley's career began as a bookkeeper at Playboy, but she has consistently and diligently supported youth and cultural initiatives throughout her life. Her long list of board service includes the Atlanta Ballet, Chicago Foundation for Education (founding member), Great Books Foundation, Women's Board of the Chicago Museum of Contemporary Art, Women's Board of the Chicago Symphony, Museum of Science and Industry President's Council (founding member), Salzburg Global Seminar, ARCS Foundation, and the University of Chicago Women's Board. While President of the Morehouse College Auxiliary, she spearheaded the Morehouse College Beautification Committee. In 2012, the Executive Conference Center building on the campus of Morehouse was renamed as the Shirley A. Massey Executive Conference Center in her honor. Shirley has been an active member of the Hyde Park Art Center's (HPAC) community since 2008, including serving on the Gala's Steering Committee in 2016. She and Walter were Co-Chairs of the recently completed HPAC Capital Campaign.

She is a board member of the Court Theater of the University of Chicago, the Hyde Park Jazz Society and Options for Youth.

Walter's spectacular 50-plus-year career includes working as a scientist, educator, business executive, cultural leader, and civic advocate. He is currently President Emeritus of the School of the Art Institute of Chicago, having previously served as the internationally recognized school's President for six years. He is also President Emeritus of Morehouse College. He is Chairman of the Giant Magellan Telescope Organization, responsible for guiding the construction of the world's largest optical telescope. He began his career as a physicist at leading research universities before his appointment as Director of Argonne National Laboratory and then as Director of the National Science Foundation under President George H.W. Bush. In 1995 Massey returned to Morehouse College, his alma mater, where he was President for more than a decade. Walter is a former Director of the McDonald's Corporation and former Chairman of Bank of America. He is appointed as Chairman of the Board of Trustees for the City Colleges of Chicago and has also served on the boards of numerous non-profit organizations, including the Mellon Foundation, the MacArthur Foundation, and the Smithsonian Institution. Walter has received honorary degrees from 41 universities, including Harvard, Yale, Northwestern, Columbia, and Brown. Throughout his work, Walter has advocated for the representation of women and people of color in all fields of study and business. Massey is uniquely the recipient of both the Enrico Fermi Award for Science and Technology from the Chicago Historical Society and the Public Humanities Award from Illinois Humanities.

Walter and Shirley support numerous local and national organizations including Our Block, Our Hood, Our City, the Smart Museum, SAIC, HPAC and the Obama Presidential Center.