

Terry Mazany

2024 Biography

Terry Mazany has enjoyed careers in archaeology, public education, and philanthropy. Constant throughout these roles is his commitment to increasing opportunities for all.

For almost twenty-five years he has served in leadership roles with community foundations, including Acting Chief Operating Officer for the Indianapolis Foundation, Chief Collaboration Officer for Collaboratory, helping to coordinate recovery and rebuilding efforts for a region devastated by Hurricane Ian, Senior Vice President of Philanthropy for the Community Foundation for Greater Atlanta and a distinguished career of 13 years as President and CEO of The Chicago Community Trust. During his years in Chicago, he also served briefly as the interim chief executive officer of Chicago Public Schools serving 400,000 students.

In recognition of the 100th anniversary of the first community foundation, Terry and his colleague, David Perry, co-edited *Here for Good: Community Foundations and the Challenges of the 21st Century*.

Terry serves on several nonprofit boards including Chairman of the Smithsonian Science Education Center and Vice Chairman of RFK Human Rights. Previously, Terry served as a member of the board of directors of the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago and was past chairman of the National Assessment Governing Board that oversees the National Assessment for Educational Progress (NAEP).

His professional roles include teaching Education Policy and School Reform at the University of Chicago and Social Entrepreneurship at both Northwestern University and the Clinton School of Public Service in Little Rock, Arkansas.

Terry has graduate degrees in Anthropology, Business, and Education. He has received Honorary Doctorate degrees from DePaul University, Governors State University, and Lewis University.