

American Friends of Cecily's Fund Board of Directors

Hon. Wyche Fowler, Patron

Wyche visited our programs in Zambia in 2005 and was our President until 2009. He has served as US Ambassador to Saudi Arabia, Senator for Georgia, and member of the House of Representatives for Atlanta. He is currently President of the Middle East Institute, Visiting Professor at Harvard University's Kennedy School of International Affairs, and board member of the Carter Center.

Mahadev Raman, President

Mahadev was born in Nairobi, Kenya and spent his formative years in Zambia where his parents were schoolteachers. He is an Arup Fellow, Director of Arup Group Limited, and Chairman of Arup Americas. He is a mechanical engineer by profession and has been in practice for 34 years. Mahadev is also a member of the faculty of Princeton University School of Architecture, a director of the Architectural League of New York, as well as a member of the Board of Directors of British American Business Inc., WPI Architectural Engineering Program's Advisory Board and a member of The Partnership for New York City.

Gregory Eckersley, Director

Greg was born in Zambia and served until 2013 as President of AFCF. He received his BA and MA at Oxford (UK) where he was a Rhodes Scholar. He worked for 18 years in asset management in the UK, South Africa and New York, latterly as Senior Vice President with Alliance Bernstein. He currently works as Head of International Equities at one of the largest Sovereign Wealth Funds.

Christina Hunt, Director and Corporate Secretary

Christina is an Attorney (Bar, State of Texas) having taken her LLM at the University of Houston. She specializes in international taxation.

Krishna Rangarajan, Director and Treasurer

Krishna has over 20 years of experience as an investor and entrepreneur in the technology industry. He was born in India and received his Bachelors in Technology from IIT, Madras (India) and his MBA at Stanford, CA. He is currently based in the U.S. Krishna works with us as he believes that each and every child has a universal right to education.

Sue Skaf, Director & Development Officer

Sue was born in the UK. At college there she specialized in European languages. She has lived in New York for more than 25 years where she runs a recruitment firm that sources management staff for international companies. She is also Chairperson of a PTA committee in her Westchester school district providing support and translation for non-English speaking and international families. She visited our programs in Zambia in 2010.

Basil Eastwood, Director and Cecily's father

Basil was British Ambassador to Switzerland and Liechtenstein and, before that, Syria. He retired from the British diplomatic service in 2004. He was Founder Chairman of Cecily's Fund for ten years and is now Chair of its International Advisory Panel. He has visited our programs on many occasions and is very active in maintaining relations with our Zambian partners

H. Clay Black, Director

Clay is a retired US Foreign Service officer. He and his wife live in Washington, DC where he continues to work part-time for the U.S. Department of State.

Craig Covil, Director

Craig is a civil engineer and Principal with global consulting engineers, Arup. He is based in New York. He spent some of his childhood in West Africa and has worked in South East Asia and Southern Africa including in Zambia's Copperbelt. He has three teenage children. He is one of 2 Arup Principals who are business partners to schools in New York through the Pencil non-profit organization.

Richard Fursland CBE, Director

Now Senior Advisor, as CEO Richard has been a key figure at British American Business in NY since its launch in 2000, as well as CEO of the British-American Business Council (BABC) the two leading transatlantic business support organizations. Richard visited the programs we support in Zambia in 2010.

James Kinsley, Director

James has more than 25 years' experience in international development, environmental and management consulting. He has lived in Africa where he worked with a range of international donors. Most recently he worked as Vice Consul in the trade department of the British Consulate General in New York.

Jessica Moulton, Director

Jessica was educated at Duke and Harvard, where she received her MBA. She is a partner at the management consultants McKinsey & Co. She and her husband are avid supporters of children's charities and have travelled extensively in Africa. In July 2008 they visited Zambia where they experienced the work of our programs first hand.