

Distinguished Achievement Citation

Tom Trumble

Class of 1968

With this presentation of Ohio Wesleyan's Distinguished Achievement Citation, the Ohio Wesleyan University Alumni Association Board of Directors is honored and privileged to recognize Tom Trumble as business executive and humanitarian.

Coming to Ohio Wesleyan from Dayton, Ohio, in 1964, Tom played both football and lacrosse, ending up on the OAC championship—and undefeated—football team in 1968 and as captain of the lacrosse team. Tom was vice president of Sigma Chi, a member of Student Council and IFC, and an Economics and Geology & Geography double major. Upon graduation from OWU, he was recruited by the Aetna Life Insurance Company and after training was assigned to St. Louis. After five years there, Tom and his wife, Dougie (Dupee), also OWU Class of 1968, moved on to Dallas, Chicago, Cleveland, and finally to Aetna's home office in Hartford.

After his “retirement” in 1998, Tom continued to consult internationally on Y2K issues for Aetna International's affiliates in Indonesia, Chile, New Zealand, Malaysia, the Philippines, and Canada. He then joined Cigna Global Pensions as a retirement sales trainer, coach, and manager in São Paulo and Tokyo. In 2000, he joined Sagemark Consulting/Lincoln Financial Advisors and in 2004 became an investment advisor representative with Private Capital Group, LLC, handling the marketing for the firm's wealth management services, and a Non-Producing Registered Representative with NFP Securities, Inc.

While he has been a success in every sense of the word, Tom's greatest satisfaction comes from helping others. He says that Dougie's family's devotion to serving the underserved “rubbed off” on him, and he began his volunteer career helping to build a medical clinic in Santa Lucia. In 1994, he convinced the Aetna to build a house for Habitat for Humanity and raised the money to do it. Not surprisingly, the Hartford Chapter of Habitat for Humanity asked him to join the board. He did and has remained there for nearly 20 years.

In 2002, he joined the Jimmy Carter Work Project in South Africa, helping to build 100 houses. Since then he has traveled to Mexico, India, Thailand, and Haiti—twice—for the Work Project, the last time with President and Mrs. Carter. He also has joined countless church mission trips, helping Katrina victims in Mississippi, flood victims in Tennessee, and tornado victims in Alabama, among others. He believes strongly that “if you help others help themselves and do not do things *for* them or *to* them, those efforts will be sustainable and people will pay it forward to others. That works for me, and as long as I can lift my hammer or help in some way, I hope I will.”

In addition to his work with Habitat, Tom also is active with Junior Achievement, St. Francis Foundation, the Loaves & Fishes Soup Kitchen, UAF-Ecuador, and the Foodshare, Inc. Advisory Board.

For his professional achievements and for his dedication to the service of others, we applaud and recognize Tom Trumble with this Distinguished Achievement Citation.

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