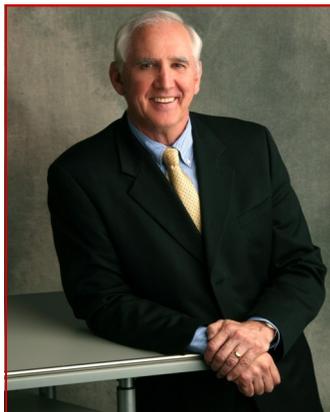


PUBLIC SERVICE AWARD



John Sage (ALF Class X) was born and raised in Houston, Texas. He comes from a family of eight siblings and was born with a natural commitment to excellence. He excelled as an athlete in high school and college. John was named an All State high school football player. While at Louisiana State University, he was named defensive captain, earned first-team All Southeastern Conference and second-team All America honors. He was drafted by the Philadelphia Eagles but decided not to play professional football. Instead John returned to LSU, earned his master's in business administration, then came back to Houston, married his wife Frances, and became a principal in the Sage Land Company, specializing in raw land investment and development. It is this dedicated, decisive and action oriented nature that not only made him an all star athlete in high school and college, but a self-made millionaire by age 36.

John seemed to be on top of his game. However, in 1984, he was diagnosed with clinical depression. His business suffered and he struggled for eight hard years trying to put things back in order.

Then, in 1993, John's younger sister, Marilyn, was murdered. The two killers were apprehended and subsequently sentenced to the death penalty. After several years of trauma, rage, and grief, this life changing experience inspired John to found Bridges To Life in an effort to empower victims and rehabilitate prisoners.

Bridges To Life is a faith-based nonprofit 501©(3) corporation founded in November 1998, with a primary mission to reduce crime by reducing the recidivism rate of released inmates. By participating in face-to-face sessions inside the prison, both victims and offenders participate in a restorative justice process.

Under John's leadership, the organization has experienced significant growth and now has over 300 volunteers and has impacted over 2,000 inmates. His work is worthy of recognition and American Leadership Forum is proud to present the first public service award to John.

HONORARY CHAIR



Beth Robertson (ALF Class X) is President of two real estate development firms. Her Houston firm is a member of the Greater Houston Partnership and she also serves as an Advisory Director for Amegy Bank of Texas. She is a Past Chair of the Board of Regents of the University of Houston System and currently serves as a Trustee of the Cullen Foundation and Chair of its Health Care Trust.