



Walter F. Patterson

Board Member

Walter Patterson is a published writer and community activist. For the past nine years he has supported efforts to improve the Dallas area through United Way projects, prison ministry outreaches and initiatives to improve the lives of people with disabilities. Donating his time and talents by creating marketing communications programs, Patterson has helped organizations become more effective and accomplish their goals.

He currently is writing his memoir that focuses on growing up in East Texas and overcoming Polio and his recent trek to Mt. Everest Base Camp. Patterson speaks to companies and religious groups on how he has overcome the challenges of Polio throughout his life.

Patterson worked for SBC Communications (now AT&T) for 27 years and left the company as the vice president of corporate communications for its wireless subsidiary. He also was responsible for the company's marketing and customer satisfaction research programs.

Patterson received numerous national and local awards recognizing his contributions to improve the community while at SBC. Some of these include the CTIA (Cellular Telecommunications Industry Association) Citizen of the Year award for promoting cellular phone use to fight neighborhood crime and the CTIA President's Award for using cellular phone technology to improve learning in America's classrooms.

Patterson is married to his wife, Rosalinda, and has one son, Bo, and a daughter-in-law, Carrie.