



EDWARD “Ed” FJORDBAK *curriculum vitae and biographical professional and volunteer experience*

Office Address: 14643 Dallas Parkway, Suite 570
Dallas Texas, 75254 EFjordbak@ShamrockAdvisors.com

EDUCATION:

Southern Methodist University School of Law, Juris Doctor, 1999
Licensed to practice law & admitted to the State Bar of Texas - 1999
Southern Methodist University - Master of Liberal Arts Degree, 1986
Southern Methodist University - Bachelor in Business Administration, Industrial Management,
Studies in Electrical Engineering, 1969
Delta Sigma Pi (Professional Management Fraternity) Secretary 1967-68
Sigma Iota Epsilon (Management Honorary Fraternity), bestowed 1969
Hillcrest High School (Dallas), 1964

PROFESSIONAL BUSINESS CAREER:

Current:

Shamrock Asset Management

Managing Director March 1, 2013 - present

A tactical fund manager using Exchange Traded Funds to gain efficiency, speed and more accurate entry and exit strategies related to market sectors as they have increased potential to improve or decline. Responsible for assisting with legal matters, serving on the organization’s Investment Committee and as the firm’s primary Chief Compliance Officer.

University of North Texas – Dallas

Adjunct Professor Fall Semester 2014-present

Have taught 5 semesters of 3-hour upper level classes in the business school curriculum. Classes: Legal Aspects of Employment Law; Corporation Law; Business Law (Legal & Ethical Aspects of Business), and Business Ethics & Social Responsibility.

PAST PROFESSIONAL CAREER ROLES (primary paid positions in bold):

Essilor Vision Foundation, Inc.

President & CEO Sept. 9, 2009 – Dec 31, 2011
Consultant for the foundation under Essilor of America..... Jan. 2-2012 – Feb. 28, 2013

A recently formed charitable entity providing free eye exams and glasses to poor children in the U.S. Responsibilities included re-designing processes to make the program scalable to reach larger numbers and broaden the program across the U.S.; fund raising, building strong relationships with donors and partners, development of an Advisory Board, industry and community relations, developing new markets in other metropolitan areas, in-house legal reviews, negotiation with Independent School Districts and other organizations to move the mission forward.

Texas Capital Bank, N.A. Dallas, TX

Sr. Vice President, Corporate Banking, Non-Profit Group
& Wealth Management & Trust

Jan. 2005- Sept 8, 2009

Development and maintenance of client relationships. Organized attorney and prospect gatherings. Reviewed legal issues for the bank and for clients. Made client and prospect presentations involving complex investments and business arrangements. Assisted clients with analysis of goals, with planning and execution carried out by the bank. Brought loan customers to the bank primarily in connection with acquisition of businesses in private equity investment context.

Communities Foundation of Texas, Inc., Dallas, TX (total of 32 years)

President (top staff position) 1987-2004

Executive Vice President and Secretary (top staff
Position- the volunteer Chairman held the
President and CEO title as a matter of tradition,
became top paid staff in 1982).

1978-1987

Executive Secretary

1974-1978

Administrative Assistant

1972-1974

This entity gathered charitable funds from individuals and a few corporations to create charitable funds which managed the assets, carried out the donor's philanthropic intentions through a grant review and awards process, and handled the accounting, communication and public awareness responsibilities. It grew from \$10mm in 1972 to around \$650mm in 2004, representing nearly 700 named philanthropic funds at the end of 2004. The top paid staff person, regardless of title, was ultimately responsible for planning, fund development, administration, investing, facilities, legal compliance and staffing. Creating strong donor and donor prospect relationships was the primary element. It was similar to a bank for philanthropists.

Climax Timber Company - A wholly owned subsidiary of
Communities Foundation of Texas, Inc.

President (ex officio position) 1972-2004

This entity operated certain of the foundation's real estate

Dallas Community Chest Trust Fund, Inc. - A wholly owned subsidiary of
Communities Foundation of Texas, Inc.

President (ex officio position) 1972-2004

This entity preserved and protected the foundation's former name

Sarita Sewer System & Water Supply Corporation

President 1985-2007

This non-profit entity was designed to carry out a foundation donor's charitable intent

Ray L. and Nancy Ann Hunt Foundation (\$40mm+)

Vice President 1989-2004

This entity held assets and carried out the charitable interests of a foundation client family

The Ruth Foundation (\$40mm+)

Vice President 1989-2004

This entity held assets and carried out the charitable interests of a foundation client individual

D-H Properties (a subsidiary of Communities Foundation of Texas)

President 1991-2004

This entity held the assets of a real-estate development subsidiary

The Robert and Nancy Dedman Foundation

Vice President, 1999-2004; Investment Committee 2003-2004

This entity held assets and carried out the charitable interests of a foundation client family

Collins Radio Company, Dallas, Texas

1967 - 1972

Industrial Engineering Division, Engineer

CURRENT PRIMARY CLUBS, CIVIC ORGANIZATIONS, CIVIC WORK and AFFILIATIONS:

Honorary Consul of Norway, Dallas, Texas

Honorary Consul of Norway - since 1996 (pro bono service)

Consular jurisdiction of North Texas to Temple - West Texas to El Paso and Amarillo

Knighted by order of His Majesty, King Harald, 2005

Rotary Club of Park Cities Member since 1984 (perfect attendance record at present)

- Program Committee Chairman - 1986

- Environment Committee - 1986-87

- Board of Directors - 1984-85

- Paul Harris Fellow, Frank Monroe Fellow

- Chairman, Rotary Club of Park Cities Foundation Executive Committee 1990-present

Woodall Rodgers Park Foundation – Board of Directors/Steering Comm. 2006-present,

Executive Committee, Secretary to the Board 2008-present

Klyde Warren Park Planned Improvement District – Board of Directors, February 2014 - present

Dallas Knife & Fork Club - Board Member 1991-2003 - March 2014 (Member since 1990)

President 1997-1998

This is Dallas’ oldest Black-Tie dinner club (formed in the 1920’s)

Highland Park Presbyterian Church:

Member 1986-present, Deacon 2002-present, Deacon Team leader 2005-2011, Moderator or Vice

Moderator of the Deacons Sept. 2011 - Sept. 2014 which included positions as Deacon

Representative to the Session, and positions on the Management Committee, Officer Nominating

Committee, and Congregational Care Committee

State Bar of Texas 1999 - present

Dallas Bar Association 1999 – present (served on Probate, Estate & Trust Section Committee 2006-08 and

Section’s nominating committee in 2009)

Royal Oaks Country Club

OTHER CURRENT CIVIC, CHARITABLE AND RELATED ACTIVITIES:

ASSOCIATION OF FUNDRAISING

1973-2004

PROFESSIONALS - DALLAS CHAPTER

President - 1975

Former Board Member,

Philanthropy Awards Committee, 1987 - present

CONSULAR CORPS of DALLAS/FORT WORTH

1988 - Present

Protocol Officer - 1990-91

Chair, Exec. Committee 1991-92

Vice Dean 1995-96

Dean 1996-97

HARVARD CLUB OF DALLAS

Honorary Member (Patron) since 1991

NORWEGIAN SOCIETY OF TEXAS

Member 1996-present

ROTARY CLUB of PARK CITIES FOUNDATION

Chair. Exec. Comm. 1990-Present

SOUTHERN METHODIST UNIVERSITY

DEDMAN SCHOOL OF LAW

EXECUTIVE BOARD

1999-present

TACA (Raises funds for the performing arts in Dallas)

Board, Exec. Comm. 1989-1997

Exec. Vice President 1990-1991

President 1991-1994

Chairman 1995-1996

Chairman Emeritus 1997-present

Board of Governors, 1989-2016

WORLD AFFAIRS COUNCIL OF GREATER

Board of Directors 1990-1993, 2001-2005

DALLAS (formerly Dallas Council on World Affairs)

Executive Committee 1994-2006

LAUNCHABILITY FOUNDATION

Chair, Audit Committee 2002-2005
Chair, Advancement Committee 2005
Member 1990- present
Advisory Board 2011-present

HONORS AND AWARDS:

Fund Raising Executive of the Year Award - 1986
Dallas Chapter of the National Society of Fund Raising Executives (Association of Fundraising Professionals)
Daughters of the American Revolution Conservation Award – 1992
Knighted by King Harald of Norway, 2005, Order of Merit
Ethics Award given by Rotary International, District 5810 – August 2016

Speak and read very limited Spanish

Addendum

PAST CIVIC AND RELATED ACTIVITIES:

AMERICAN ENTERPRISE FORUM	Board of Trustees, 1988-1994
AMERICAN LUNG ASSOCIATION	Development Committee 1976-1978
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA - CIRCLE TEN COUNCIL	Development Council Annual Drive 1985, 1986
CENTER FOR NONPROFIT MANAGEMENT	Advisory Council, 1983-1990 & 2002-2006
CHILD CARE PARTNERSHIP OF DALLAS, INC.	Board of Directors 1983-1990
	Executive Committee 1985-1986
	Co-Chairman/Resource Advisory Committee 1985
COMMITTEE FOR QUALIFIED JUDICIARY	1995-2006
CONFERENCE OF SOUTHWEST FOUNDATIONS	Involved since 1975, Former Board Member
	Legislative Committee 1993-96, 1998-2004
	President 1989-90
	Long-Range Planning Comm. 1991
	Chairman of the Board, 1991-92
	Site Selection Committee 1993-1995
COUNCIL ON FOUNDATIONS, Washington, D.C.	Committee on Area Associations (1979-1981) and representative from Communities Foundation of Texas until 2005
CRYSTAL CHARITY BALL	Advisory Committee, 1989-2007
DALLAS BLACK DANCE THEATER	Chairman's Advisory Council, 1995-1997
DALLAS CONTRIBUTIONS NETWORK	Member 1986-2005
DALLAS COUNTY TREASURER PUBLIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE	Member 1992-2005, Secretary 2000
DALLAS EASTER SEAL SOCIETY FOR CHILDREN	Board Member 1990-1995
DALLAS ESTATE PLANNING COUNCIL	Board of Governors 1988-89
	Member 1986- 2009
DALLAS MUSEUM OF HEALTH AND SCIENCE DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE	Advisory Council 1982-1983
DALLAS PUBLIC LIBRARY	Grants Information Service Board Member 1981-1986
DALLAS SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF	

CRUELTY TO ANIMALS (SPCA of Texas)	Advisory Board Member 1990-2007
DALLAS SUMMER MUSICALS	Board, 2000-2009
DALLAS TEEN CHALLENGE	Board Member 1973-1989
	Chairman 1975-1976
DALLAS WORLD SALUTE	Founding Committee Member, Board 1985-2008
DALLAS ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY	Board 1995-2001
DESERT CHORALE (Santa Fe, New Mexico)	Advisory Council Member 1994-1997
DOMINICAN REPUBLIC Honorary Vice Consul	1987-1998
ESSILOR VISION FOUNDATION	Advisory Board 2008- 2013
EXPOSITION PLAZA PROJECT COMMITTEE	Development Council, 1986
FINANCIAL STRATEGIES CORPORATION	Advisory Council 1983-1986
FOR THE PEOPLE, INC.	Advisory Committee (1984-1990)
FRIENDS OF TEXAS BALLET THEATER f/k/a FT. WORTH-DALLAS BALLET	Dallas Advisory Board 1994-2003
FRIENDS OF WRR	Board 1992-1998, 2000-2002
GIRLS ADVENTURE TRAILS	Advisory Council 1984-1992
GOVERNOR'S COMMITTEE ON STATE ECO-TOURISM	1994-1995
GREATER DALLAS SESQUICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE	1990-1992
HAAKON AWARDS COMMITTEE, SMU MEADOWS SCHOOL OF THE ARTS	1983-1996
HORAS ALEGRES PRESCHOOL	Financial Development Board - 1989-1990
INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FINANCIAL PLANNING, NORTH TEXAS CHAPTER	Chairman of the Advisory Council Board Chairman- 1984
JUBILEE DALLAS: CELEBRATING 150 YEARS	Steering Committee 1990-1991
LAKEHILL PREPARATORY SCHOOL	Development Council Member 1984-1990
LEADERSHIP DALLAS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION	
MAYOR'S CHILD CARE TASK FORCE	Member 1984
MAYOR'S TASK FORCE ON ADOLESCENT HEALTH AND SCHOOLAGE PREGNANCY	Member 1984
McKINNEY AVENUE TRANSIT AUTHORITY	Advisory Council 1985-1989
NATIONAL CENTER FOR POLICY ANALYSIS	Advisory Board 1984-1995
	Board of Directors 1989-1996
NORTH TEXAS ESTATE PLANNING COUNCIL	Member 1996-2005
POSITIVE PARENTS OF DALLAS	Steering Committee (1980's)
PRESBYTERIAN HOSPITAL OF DALLAS	Development Committee 1981
PUBLIC/PRIVATE SECTOR VOLUNTARISM COMMITTEE	Member Since 1983
RONALD McDONALD HOUSE (Children's Oncology Services of Texas)	Chairman 1984-2004
SALVATION ARMY - DALLAS	Development Board-Capital Campaign 1984
SPORTSMEN CONSERVATIONISTS OF TEXAS	Capital Campaign 1984 (Team Capt.)
TEXAS CHAPTER MENTAL HEALTH ENDOWMENT FUND	Board Member 1991-1996
TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES	Board Member 1982-1984
TEXAS LYCEUM ASSOCIATION	Regional Advisory Council 1990-1994
	Director 1983-1990
	Executive Committee 1984-1987
	Vice President of Finance 1984-86
	Dallas Event Planning Committee 2009
TEXAS OPERA THEATER	Board of Directors 1986-1989
THE NATURE CONSERVANCY OF TEXAS	Board Member 1984-1995;

TOWER CLUB of DALLAS

UNIVERSITY OF DALLAS
UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT DALLAS

UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WORK
VISITING NURSE ASSOCIATION FOUNDATION
WEAVER & TIDWELL FINANCIAL
YWCA

Chairman Nominating Committee 1984-1985
Planning Committee, 1985-1986
Finance Committee, 1985-1986
Treasurer 1993-1995
Dallas Regional Advisory Committee 1992-2004
Charter member 1981, Society Club (Board of
Governors of Tower Club 2000-2015, Chairman,
2004-2005)
Board of Councilors 1994-1998
Advisory Council to the School of
General Studies, 1983-1999

Executive Committee 1983-1984
Board 1993-1996
Advisory Board 2003-2005
Development Council for Capital Campaign 1983

OTHER PAST MEMBERSHIPS and INVOLVEMENTS:

American Bar Association 1999 - 2007
Press Club of Dallas - Headliner
Shakespeare Festival of Dallas
500, Inc., 1976-1979 (younger person's activities to raise funds for the arts in Dallas)
Business Volunteer Council (Dallas) mid 1980's
Dallas Ski Club, 1979-1981
Dancers Unlimited Repertory Company, 1982-84
Amundsen Institute of U. S. - Mexican Studies (Fellow) 1981-83
Mental Health Association of Dallas County (1980's)
Leadership Dallas Program Participant - Class of 1984
USA Film Festival, 1983-1985
Consulate General of the Dominican Republic, Dallas, Texas
Honorary Vice Consul for North Texas area 1988 through August 1998 (pro bono service)

OTHER PAST INTERESTS :

Third Class Private Pilot License (not currently flying as a pilot or co-pilot)
Lakewood Productions (Co-founder) - a nonprofit religiously oriented video production facility 1978

Teaching Philosophy

Education must present sufficient challenges to the student such that the student learns how to learn. In my view, teaching answers learned by rote and parroted on tests does not give the skills needed to compete in a constantly changing, challenging world. While basics such as English, grammar and math (which can be learned by memorization and practice) are critical to the student's eventual success in a business or profession, learning how to find and analyze information are the other critical elements.

My general feelings about the importance of a higher education were summed up in a quote included in an attached newsletter publication/press release of UNT (Oct. 30, 2003), in the next to the last paragraph. My professional life has always included some way to give back.

Student cannot learn everything by the time they have a college degree; learning is a life-long requirement for success. Developing an understanding of where to find information, how to analyze it and ascertain its veracity, and how to see it through the eyes of others, such as that of a client, customer or critic is vital. My teaching style will challenge students to look for answers to real-life quandaries that require them to think about the possible answers and their consequences if accepted.

I believe in an interactive class environment, designed to encourage the shy, and to challenge both those who come to the class with fewer tools than the others, but not compromising the challenges to the limits of those who come with special knowledge or advanced exposure.

I do not plan much use of PowerPoint, and will discourage the use of laptops in class. I do not believe that learning how to run a computer is critical at any stage before arriving into a business setting. Computer skills, albeit aided by early proficiency with knowing a keyboard and proficient eye-muscle coordination, can be learned quickly in a business setting.

I will encourage live participation, and after each class the notes will be provided on-line to the students by the end of the next day. There will be two to four tests during the semester in an attempt to identify students needing special attention sufficiently early that intervention could be useful.

I will make myself available by e-mail to answer students' questions. Reasonable accommodation for those needing make-up exams will be available.

Selected Articles, Papers, Publications and Opinions of Counsel

Fjordbak, Edward M. (1998). A critical Analysis of the Community Reinvestment Act: Relief Needed for Banks in View of Compliance and Intangible Costs and New Competition from Non-Banks. Southern Methodist University Dedman School of Law, presented to Banking Class

Fjordbak, Edward M. (1999). The Norwegian Oil and Gas Concession Scheme: Does it Favor Norwegian Companies? Southern Methodist University Dedman School of Law, International Oil & Gas.

Fjordbak, Ed (1983-2004). Impact, the quarterly Newsletter of Communities Foundation of Texas. President's Column series (generally discussing aspects of tax and estate planning law. Appx. 75 articles and columns) Appx. Circulation: 18,000.

Fjordbak, Ed (1983-2004). Annual report, Communities Foundation of Texas. Presidents Letter to Donors and the Community. (21 publications). Circulation: 20,000.

Fjordbak, Ed (April 20, 2008). A Power of Attorney Doesn't Always Carry Power for Holders. Austin Business Journal.

Yip, Pamela, Fjordbak, Ed. (May 26, 2008). Use Durable Power of Attorney Carefully. Dallas Morning News Post & Courier Column.

Fjordbak, Edward M. (1994). W.W. Caruth Jr., the Man and His Philanthropy. Published for the current and future boards of Communities foundation of Texas and the Trustees of the W.W. Caruth Jr. Foundation as a guide to grantmaking from the Foundation as envisioned by the late Mr. Caruth.

Mittenthal, Stephen, Ph. D., Fjordbak, Ed & others. (Nov 21, 2013, pending book publication). Odd Gifts to Community Foundations (title pending).

Fjordbak, Ed (Feb. 2012). EVF Public Support Test Compliance Outline (re: Secs. 501(c)(3) and 509(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code). (Written for the board of Essilor International, Essilor of America and the Essilor Vision foundation board and Staff).

Fjordbak, Ed (March 2012). Memorandum re: Form 990 and the Public Support Test under Treasure Dept. Final Regulations. (Written for Price Waterhouse Coopers and General Counsel, Essilor of America).

Fjordbak, Ed (June 18, 2007). Opinion of In House Counsel re: Legal Definition of Income in Context of a Charitable Bequest Under a Trust. Written for the Trust Managers of Texas Capital Bank Wealth Management & Trust Dept.

Fjordbak, Ed. (March 18, 2007) Opinion of Internal Counsel re Tax and Other Implications for a Newly Created Private Foundation Contemplating Full Payout Over a Relatively Short Period (“Frontloading Grants”). Written for Wealth Management & Trust Dept. of Texas Capital Bank and an Unnamed Client.

Fjordbak, Ed. (June 11, 2012). The Philanthropist’s Rationale for Creating a Vehicle for His or Her Philanthropy. For the Center for Non-Profit Management, Dallas.

Fjordbak, Ed (2004). Analysis of “LILAC” Insurance Arrangements in Light of the Legal Environment of Charities, Tax law and State of Texas Law. (Private Opinion of Counsel for the General Counsel of Communities Foundation of Texas, its Board, and Certain Unnamed Clients).

Fjordbak, Edward M. (2006). Philanthropy at a Crossroads. Trusts and Estates (magazine). National Publication for Estate Planning professionals.

Fjordbak, Edward M. (May 1983). Charitable Giving Techniques Changing. Horizons, monthly publication of the International Association of Financial Planners, N. Tx. Chapter.

Selected Presentations as Lecturer/Instructor

University of north Texas, College of Business Administration Distinguished Lecture Series, on the Impact of Philanthropy on Business Decisions. Sept. 19, 2003. Denton, Tx.

Southern Methodist University Dedman School of Law, Lecture on the Estate Planning Aspects of Charitable Trusts and Foundations. Lecture to the Wills and Trusts class under Prof. Regis Campfield. December 2, 1997. Dallas, Tx.

University of North Texas Professional Development Institute, Half-Day Lecture on Charitable Entities and their construction under Tax Law, 2001. P.D.I Headquarters, Dallas, Tx. (See last attachment to this CV)

Center for Non-Profit Management, June 11, 2012, Lecture on the Philanthropist’s Rationale for Creating a Conduit Entity. McKinney, Tx.

The Catholic Foundation, Lecture to the Board of Trustees, Fall, 2006. The Catholic Foundation as a Community Foundation. Context, Legal Implications, Marketing, Client Issues, and the Role of the Board of Trustees and Staff. Dallas, Tx.

Texas Capital Bank, lecture on The Heightened Duty of Trustees Under New Texas Law. Lecture to group of attorneys and clients who serve as trustees of trusts. Dallas Country Club, Dallas, Tx.

> During the period from approximately 1976-2013, there have been frequent lectures and speeches given to a wide range of groups, primarily on technical elements of Charitable and Estate Planning Law. There was no attempt to keep track of those lectures, the exact topics or the dates.



SEARCH THIS SITE:

News Categories

- [Arts and Music](#)
- [Business](#)
- [Education](#)
- [General News](#)
- [Humanities](#)
- [Public Service](#)
- [Research](#)
- [Science](#)
- [Social Science](#)
- [TAMS](#)
- [UNT Dallas](#)
- [UNT System](#)

Communities Foundation of Texas funds UNT at Dallas master plan

Thursday, October 30, 2003

DALLAS (UNT), Texas — Communities Foundation of Texas (CFT) has announced that it will fund a planning grant for \$500,000, payable over three years, as a lead gift to fund a master plan for the new permanent campus for the University of North Texas (UNT) at Dallas. Communities Foundation of Texas is proud to help set a high standard for developing the first four-year public university in the city of Dallas. The grant was announced during a public celebration at the future UNT at Dallas campus property (located at Camp Wisdom and Houston School roads in Oak Cliff) on October 30, at 10 a.m.

Along with a host of area legislators, honored guests at the celebration included Texas House Speaker Tom Craddick, Sen. Steve Ogden of College Station, Sen. Florence Shapiro of Plano, Sen. Royce West of Dallas, Rep. Jim Pitts of Waxahachie, Dallas Mayor Laura Miller and members of the Dallas City Council.

CFT salutes the donors who created the named funds at Communities Foundation that made this planning grant possible. This grant involved ten funds at CFT including Basil Georges, Ledbetter/Styron, Pearl C. Anderson, Jesse N. Bigbee, Roberta Coke Camp, Frank and Carolyn Ryburn, Sammons Fund, Travis T. Wallace, Lone Star Endowment, and the Fund for Education. These donors cared deeply about the needs of their community and in particular, education. Their philanthropic intentions live on in grants such as this one.

"The Trustees of the Communities Foundation of Texas have stepped forward to generously fund the initial campus master plan for UNT at Dallas. A university can be an exceptional place, distinctive in its neighborhood and city, but only with careful planning. This timely CFT gift will help UNT establish the character and image of Dallas' newest university," says UNT System Chancellor Lee Jackson. "Enrollment has grown steadily for the past four years at our temporary location in Dallas, and we want to be ready now with a very high quality design for the permanent campus that will attract and serve students well, while creating a major regional asset."

"This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to impact the lives of generations of community residents who will benefit from the creation of a public university that will serve as a regional center for intellectual activity and economic development. CFT is pleased to lead in the creation of this new university that, as UNT officials project, will feature an eventual enrollment of 16,000 students, 3,850 faculty and staff, and a total economic impact of \$237 million by 2030," says Jeverley Cook, Vice Presidents of Grants at CFT.

In order to accomplish this mission, a strong planning process is being put in place. The planning process will evaluate campus design in order to build a unique identity and have a positive impact on the surrounding community.

The first building at UNT at Dallas has been approved for funding and will be designed in 2004 after completion of the master site plan. Construction will begin in late 2004, as soon as master planning for needed utility extensions, transportation and other services can be completed. Teaching in Dallas will move to the new campus in the fall of 2007.

The 264-acre campus is located in Oak Cliff in the southern sector of the City of Dallas and Dallas County. The new campus is projected to increase educational access to more than 910,000 citizens in southern Dallas and Ellis counties and to serve students who transfer to UNT at Dallas from Dallas, Tarrant and Navarro county community colleges.

Ed Fjordbak, president of Communities Foundation of Texas says, "There is no better way to achieve the goals of philanthropists than to encourage a more thorough education of our citizens. All the things we do to make life better are less effective if our citizens are not able to understand, appreciate, or take advantage of those enhancements because they have an inadequate education. To provide for tomorrow's families, a breadwinner must have the tools that only an education can give. We must take every reasonable step to provide easy access to higher education. That will enable a working parent or aspiring young person to conveniently get to class while caring for family and often working one or more jobs. A four-year degree is necessary to have an impact on all areas of the community. This is money well spent."

This is a particularly important year for the Foundation. CFT is celebrating fifty years of giving since its founding in 1953. During that time, CFT has fulfilled the unique philanthropic visions of donors, both living and departed, to meet the educational, medical, civic, artistic, cultural, social service, and other needs of their community. Acting on behalf of these donors, the Foundation has distributed more than half a billion dollars in charitable grants since it was founded.

UNT News Service Phone Number: (940) 565-2108

Category: [UNT Dallas](#) [UNT System](#)

2003-2004



Distinguished Lecture Series

General Academic Building, Room 105 @ 2:00 p.m.

September 19, 2003

Edward Fjordbak

President

Communities Foundation of Texas

Edward Fjordbak is president of Communities Foundation of Texas. The foundation is a public grant-making charity comprised of 750 funds that grants between \$45 and \$60 million annually to charitable projects and organizations. The foundation's primary mission is to represent philanthropists. He also serves as an officer for various other foundations and corporations.



He holds a BBA in management, a master's in liberal arts and a Juris Doctor from Southern Methodist University. He has served as president and chairman of TACA, serves as honorary consul for Norway and serves on boards for the Dallas Council on World Affairs, Rotary Club of Park Cities Foundation, University of Texas at Dallas Advisory Council to the School of General Studies and has been named to the SMU School of Law Executive Board.

UNIVERSITY *of* NORTH TEXAS
COLLEGE *of* BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION