

## **BUSH FOUNDATION NAMES TWO NEW DIRECTORS TO BOARD**

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**St. Paul, Minnesota (March 7, 2006)** — The Bush Foundation Board of Directors named two new directors, North Dakota State Senator Tim Mathern of Fargo and John M. Murphy, Jr. of Saint Paul, at its March meeting. They replace outgoing directors Shirley M. Clark of Eugene, Ore., and The Honorable Diana E. Murphy of Minneapolis.

#### **Senator Tim Mathern**

Mathern has been a North Dakota State Legislator since 1986; he is also employed by Nativity Church, working as its director of administration, development director and human resources officer.

Over the course of his 20-year legislative career, he has served on numerous committees and task forces, having chaired the Human Services and Veterans Affairs Committee, the Health and Communications Committee and the Government Administration Committee. He was the Senate Minority Leader from 1996 to 1999. In 2005, Mathern was named Legislator of the Year by the North Dakota Association of Community Facilities and is a current member of the Senate Appropriations Committee.

Mathern's career has been devoted to human services. He spent 25 years at Catholic Family Service of Fargo, beginning as a caseworker and culminating in the position of executive director. Mathern also worked with Lutheran Family and Social Services (Omaha); the Veteran's Administration Hospital in Grand Island, Neb.; and as a Vista volunteer for the Fargo-Moorhead Indian Association. He was a Bush Leadership Fellow in 1998.

"There are not enough charity dollars in government, foundations and churches to fix all the hurts people experience and solve all the social problems we deal with," Mathern said. "I am excited about joining the Bush Foundation because its mission is problem solving at the root—strengthening communities, organizations, families and individuals so these hurts and social problems can be prevented. I want to work with Bush to change the world; it is a matter of justice."

Mathern is a member of several professional organizations focused on human development, including the National Association of Social Workers, the Mental Health Association and the People Escaping Poverty Project. He is active in

CHARISM, Villa Nazareth, the American Diabetes Association and the Council of State Governments and previously gave service to a range of church, government and human services organizations.

He holds a master's degree in public administration from Harvard University, a master's degree in social work from the University of Nebraska and a B.A. in sociology from North Dakota State University.

**John M. Murphy, Jr.**

Murphy is the senior partner of Somerset Asset Management LLC in Minneapolis. Prior to founding Somerset in 2003, he spent 19 years with U.S. Bancorp, most recently as chairman, chief investment officer, U.S. Bancorp Institutional Financial Services. From 1974 to 1984, Murphy was senior vice president and senior portfolio manager with Investment Advisors, Inc. He began his career as a security analyst at Northwestern National Bank, now Wells Fargo.

"I am honored to be selected to the Board of the Bush Foundation," Murphy said. "It will allow me to continue to do things that I am passionate about—supporting arts, health and educational organizations."

Murphy is chairman of the board of Blue Cross Blue Shield of Minnesota and the vice chair of the Minnesota Medical Foundation board. He is active with the Twin Cities Society of Security Analysts and a board member of the Blue Healthcare Bank board. Formerly Murphy served on the boards of a variety of investment and banking organizations and several community development, educational, arts and human service agencies, including the Ordway Center for the Performing Arts and the College of St. Catherine.

Murphy holds a B.S. in economics from Regis University in Denver.

The Bush Foundation is a private grantmaking organization fostering vibrant communities and vital leadership. Established in 1953 by 3M executive Archibald G. Bush and his wife, Edyth, the Foundation supports organizations in the areas of arts and culture, health and human services, education and ecological health in the region that includes Minnesota and the Dakotas. Its individual fellowship programs for artists, leaders and physicians are open to candidates from the Bush region and parts of northwestern Wisconsin. The Bush Foundation also supports historically black private colleges and universities and fully accredited tribally controlled colleges throughout the United States.

**(A photo of Senator Mathern is available from 651/379-2238 or [vtirrel@bushfoundation.org](mailto:vtirrel@bushfoundation.org).)**