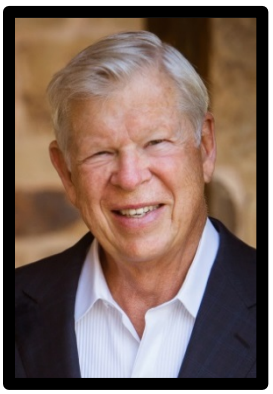
Peter Ochs
Liberty High School
Alumnus of Distinction



Peter Ochs, Liberty High School Class of 1961, currently serves as Founder and Chairman of the Board of the Fieldstone Group of Companies. Since its inception in1981, Fieldstone has built over 26,000 homes in Southern California, Utah and Texas and has totaled $6 billion in sales volume. Involved in homebuilding since 1972, Peter isa recognized leader in the industry, having been named Builder of the Year for the United States for 1989; in 1991, he was inducted into the California Building Industry Foundation Hall of Fame; and in 1999, Peter was honored by the Building Industry Association with the Tribute to Excellence Award. Peter sees his Christian faith as an integral part of his professional life. His Christian principles are reflected by his participatory management style and a value-driven approach to both for-profit and non-profit organizations.

Since its founding, Fieldstone has been known as a value-driven company and has pioneered in many areas of corporate social responsibility dealing with employees, customers and the communities in which it has built. One outgrowth of a guiding principle of supporting its communities was the creation of the Fieldstone Foundation in 1983 to provide grants and leadership development training to nonprofit organizations working in communities where the companies build. Over the years the Foundation's non-profit leadership development programs have been nationally recognized, and have trained more than 1,300 non-profit executives. Ochs has served as Chairman of the Foundation since its inception.

Peter has also been personally active in an extensive series of charitable endeavors. He served as National Chairman of the Alexis de Tocqueville Society of United Way of America from 1990-1995, member of the Board of Governors of United Way of America, and member of the National Mega Gifts Committee. In 1988 and 1989 Peter and his wife Gail were honored by the Orange County California United Way with the Dimensions in Giving Award for their outstanding philanthropic support of both United Way and the local community. In 1998 Peter and Gail received the Alexis de Tocqueville Society Humanitarian Award and in 2006, United Way of America honored Peter and Gail Ochs with the National Alexis de Tocqueville Award for their generous giving and service nationally and to the world, United Way's highest honor for volunteers. He also served as president and nine-year member of the Board of Trustees for nationally acclaimed South Coast Repertory Theater and is past chairman of the Board of Directors for the Orange County Business Committee for the Arts.

Some of his other activities in the non-profit area include 18 years of service on the Board of Directors of Prison Fellowship Ministries where he chaired the Executive Committee; Chairman, Board of Directors of Wycliffe Bible Translators U.S.; Founding Chair of The Seed Company Board, an affiliate of Wycliffe Bible Translators; and International Advisory Board for Habitat for Humanity. He has given many years of service as an Elder of Mariners Church in Irvine, California.

After graduating from Liberty High School Peter went on to Princeton University where he received a bachelor's degree with honors in 1965, majoring in economics, and has in the past served as a member of the Alumni Advisory Committee to the Economics Department of Princeton. In 1967, he received his master's degree in business from Stanford University.

In 1965 he married Gail Geiger, vice president of her 1962 Class at Liberty, and in 2015 they celebrated their 50th anniversary. Today, Peter and Gail spend much of their time on the work of First Fruit, Inc. their private foundation which is involved in encouraging and supporting Christian ministries in the world's poorest countries. Each year, First Fruit gives grants to over 100 organizations engaged in the work of holistic development, training leaders for the emerging church, and reaching the unreached with the Christian gospel. The Ochses have traveled to over 30 countries for First Fruit to personally meet with people they support, provide encouragement and mentoring, and find out what God is doing in the world.

Peter and Gail live in Corona del Mar, California and enjoy spending time with their four married daughters and their families which include 11 grandchildren age 21-7. They love to travel, read, walk and ski.