

Jim Baker

Jim has established a record of accomplishment during 33 years of corporate, consulting and academic experiences. Throughout his career, he has demonstrated the ability to successfully complete complex and extremely challenging projects, including developing an innovative health advocacy program for United Healthcare, leading a groundbreaking study for the US Air Force to develop a program to increase minority participation, creating and executing an international initiative to link educators to advance the interests of young people, preparing a neighborhood strategic plan utilizing a new paradigm resulting in implementation funding by a major regional foundation, developing tactics to allow the City of Philadelphia to save millions in operating costs, implementing a business relations and diversity program for SEPTA as it completes the El Reconstruction Project, utilizing bi-partisan relationships to solve potentially devastating customs problems for an importer; financing a major upset in the 1994 Congressional Election Cycle; developing/implementing the Drug Free in '93 Campaign; serving as an Adjunct Faculty Member in Marketing at the Wharton School; developing/implementing corporate strategy at Johnson & Johnson; leading the planning team for a manufacturing plant relocation; and negotiating/implementing new relationships with major companies for Bell of Pennsylvania. In recognition of these accomplishments and capabilities, his counsel and consulting services are frequently sought to help resolve difficult and seemingly intractable issues by a number of our area's leaders and organizations.

He is the President of Baker & Company, LLC---a General Management Consulting Firm with practices in a number of functional areas. Jim received a Masters Degree of Divinity from The Palmer Seminary in May 2004 and a Masters in Business Administration from the Wharton School in 1982. In 1978, he graduated Magna Cum Laude from Drexel University with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Electrical Engineering.

He serves in numerous leadership positions in the Philadelphia area. He is the Chair of the Mayor's Drug and Alcohol Commission, Interim President of the Hospital and Higher Education Facilities Authority and on the Board of Directors of Eagleville Hospital, West Philadelphia Empowerment Zone Community Trust Board and Philadelphia Mental Health Care Corporation.

Jim is a graduate of the 1995 Class of Leadership Inc. and has received numerous awards including being the recipient of the West Philadelphia Partnership Community Service, the William H. Gray Clergy Leadership and the Umoja Altruism Awards; selected by President Clinton to attend The White House Leadership Conference on Youth, Drug Use and Violence; cited by Philadelphia City Council; and named to the United States Democratic Senate African American Leaders Group, a WDAS Outstanding Community Leader, one of 100 Men Making a Difference in 1993, a member of the 1986 Class of Outstanding Young Men of America and a Johnson and Johnson Leadership Fellow in 1980.

He is married to Denise Wynne-Baker, M.D. and they have two daughters, Elizabeth and Nicole.