

CHANGEAGENT

Martha Franck Rollins '65, M.A.T. '68 and O. Randolph Rollins '65, J.D. '68

Heeding the Call to Action

It would have been easy for Martha and Randy Rollins to live rewarding lives within their comfort zones. But driven by their strong faith and a desire to help others, the couple have had an indelible impact on their Richmond, Virginia, community.



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As a young couple, the Rollinses were one of the first white families to move into Richmond's Carillon neighborhood in 1970—against their real estate agent's advice. They forged lasting friendships with their neighbors and helped establish the Carillon Civic Association. The Ford Foundation later called Carillon one of the most successfully integrated neighborhoods in the country.

For years, Martha ran a thriving antiques store in the trendy Carytown area of Richmond. She realized that the business could be used for greater good. In 2002, she started Boaz & Ruth, a faith-based nonprofit that provides job training and GED coaching to people recently released from prison, based in the Highland Park community.

The program has grown in the past decade to include a home-repair service, a café and catering enterprise, and thrift stores

selling furniture and clothing. Crime in the area has dropped by 61 percent. In 2006, Martha was among the winners of the Purpose Prize, an award sponsored by Civic Ventures that recognizes Americans over the age of sixty who are addressing society's toughest challenges. In 2009, she was invited to the White House to represent Boaz & Ruth as one of 100 nonprofits recognized for approaching national problems in innovative ways.

Randy was a corporate lawyer with McGuireWoods. He had served as the Virginia's secretary of public safety, which included oversight of the Department of Corrections. He'd noticed that ex-prisoners who landed jobs were less likely to return to prison, but that many former convicts had lost their driver's licenses. In 2007, he started the nonprofit Drive-To-Work, to assist low-income and previously incarcerated people to restore their driving privileges so they could drive to work and keep a job. Drive-To-Work is the only organization of its type providing legal services to help individuals get their driving privileges back.

Martha, who is a cancer survivor, says she and Randy have felt blessed at every step of their journey. "Life is a gift," says Martha. "Every person, challenge, place, and event is an opportunity for learning and a call to action."

William W. Horton J.D. '85 was elected the 2012-13 Secretary of the American Bar Association health-law section, making him the first Alabama lawyer to serve as an officer of the section in its 17-year history.

Paul S. Quinn Jr. '85 was included in *The Best Lawyers in America 2013*. He specializes in the areas of real estate and commercial transactions in the Orlando, Fla., office of GrayRobinson.

Michael P. Scharf '85, J.D. '88 was appointed associate dean for global legal studies at Case Western Reserve University School of Law.

Erik Albright '87 was included in *The Best Lawyers in America 2013*. He specializes in commercial litigation and personal-injury litigation at Smith Moore Leatherwood in Greensboro.

'88 25th Reunion April 12-14, 2013

Nancy S. Freeman '88 received her LL.M. in taxation from the University of Alabama, *summa cum laude*, and as the class valedictorian. She is a shareholder at Winderweede, Haines, Ward and Woodman, and focuses on estates and trusts at the firm's office in Winter Park, Fla.

W. Kenneth Mask M.D. '88 developed and released "Tic Tac Mo!" an app for a three-player tic-tac-toe game on a wider, three-by-five board. Mask is a diagnostic radiologist in New Orleans.

Leslie A. McFarland Marx '89 received the Jerry S. Cohen Memorial Fund Writing Award. Her winning entry was an analysis of the circumstantial evidence of antitrust conspiracies. She is a professor of economics at Duke's Fuqua School of Business.

BIRTHS & ADOPTIONS

Declan John to **Hennessey Tseng** '88 and Monica Tseng on July 16, 2012.

1990s

Sherry E. Weaver Smith '90 published *Land Shapes*, a collection of haikus that reflect meditations in nature and are paired with Chinese brush paintings by Sylvia Van Strijthem. Her poetry was nominated for a Pushcart Prize in 2008.

Michael S. Popok '91 was reelected managing partner for the Miami office of Weiss Serota Helfman and elected to the firm's strategic development committee. He was recognized once again as a "Florida Best Lawyer" in municipal litigation and a *South Florida Business Journal* Leading Lawyer in business dispute litigation.

Stanley K. Ridgley A.M. '91, Ph.D. '99 published *The Complete Guide to Business School Presenting*. He is an assistant professor of management at Drexel University's LeBow College of Business.

Laura Deddish Burton '92 was named in *The Best Lawyers in America 2013*. She specializes in immigration law at Smith Moore Leatherwood in Greensboro.

Graham L. Hammill Ph.D. '92 published *Political Theology and Early Modernity*, which examines the role of 16th- and 17th-century literature and thought in modern conceptions of political theology. He also published *The Mosaic Constitution: Po-*