

## Charter Member of the Advisors for Leadership Character Awards

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**Kent C. (Oz) Nelson**

**Oz Nelson is the retired Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of United Parcel Service**, a position he held from November 1989 to December 1998. He continued to serve on the Board until 2002 when he stepped down and ended 43 years of service with UPS.

During the period, UPS made major investments to broaden its global position and its leadership role in logistical services. Among those investments were significant commitments in information technology to assure instantaneous global communications regarding its shipment activities.

During his tenure at UPS and since his retirement he has been active with numerous not-for-profit organizations including the United Way of America and the United Way of Metropolitan Atlanta, the Carter Center of Emory University, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Foundation, the Annie E. Casey Foundation, the Jim Casey Youth Opportunity Initiative, the National Museum of Patriotism, the HCA Corporation, and the Ball State University Foundation.

He has been active in a number of educational initiatives: he chaired the Partnership for Kentucky School Reform for six years as well as the Atlanta Chamber of Commerce Education Committee. Nelson was appointed to the Georgia Governor's Education Reform Commission and served on the Georgia Education Leadership Committee.

A native of Kokomo, Indiana, Nelson received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Business Administration from Ball State University in 1959. Ball State has honored him with two awards: the Distinguished Alumni Award in 1991, and the Business Hall of Fame Award in 1990. He holds honorary doctoral degrees from several universities. He has served as a guest lecturer at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Nelson resides in Atlanta with his wife Ann Starr, three cats, and a dog. They have three children and five grandchildren.