

2004 Hall of Fame Inductee

Fred Epstein

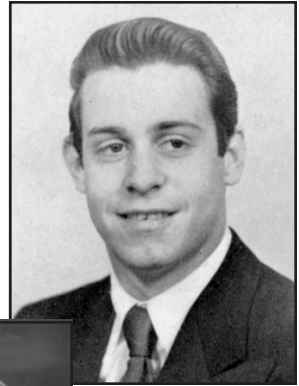
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Fresh from MIT, Fred Epstein returned to St. Louis to teach atomic physics at Washington University and join INDEECO, a firm founded by his father in 1929 that makes customized electric heaters and electronic controls. Aside from the challenges of running a business, Epstein saw opportunities to champion the causes he believed in.

During his 30 years as INDEECO's President, Epstein started Missouri's first industrial on-site childcare center in 1985. Named for his mother Zelda, it serves 90 children, some with disabilities. He also worked with Jean Carnahan to encourage employer-sponsored daycare throughout Missouri.

Additionally, he co-founded Central Reform Congregation as well as Citizens for Modern Transit, a group that helped MetroLink get started and expand. He also chaired the St. Louis School Desegregation Monitoring Committee during the transition to the voluntary inter-district plan, helped initiate the Missouri Foundation for Health and has held ACLU leadership positions since 1966, defending the Bill of Rights.

Combining his business and non-profit experience, Epstein has recently embarked on his "dream retirement career," consulting for the Open Society Institute, a New York foundation devoted to democratic reforms.



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