

2005 Hall of Fame Inductee

SuEllen Fried

Class of 1950

SuEllen (Weissman) Fried has used her academic credentials in creative arts, mental health and dance therapy throughout her life pursuits and as an advocate for children.

Fried was born in St. Louis, but attended University City schools. She graduated from University City High School in 1950. She received a bachelor's degree in creative arts and mental health from Park University in Park, Missouri, and earned the equivalent of a master's degree from the American Dance Therapy Association.



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Fried began her career in mental health as a volunteer dance and drama therapist in 1961. For 17 years, she directed, produced and choreographed musical productions performed by mentally ill patients across the state of Kansas. Fried served as president of the Kansas Mental Health Association and sits on the board of the National Mental Health Association.

She is the past national president and life board member of Prevent Child Abuse America, an organization she founded in Kansas. She also founded STOP Violence! and developed school programs to stop bullying. In 2002, Fried founded BullySafe USA. She has appeared on several national news shows and has co-authored two books with her daughter on bullying.

She and her husband Marc have been married for 53 years. They have three children and seven grandchildren.