

Robert Thomas

Co-Founder, Senior Star Management Company

Alongside his brother, Bob Thomas co-founded a real estate investment and operating company in 1976. Recognizing a nationwide need for quality senior care, the company's focus permanently shifted toward senior housing in 1989. Senior Star's portfolio includes 14 retirement communities across six states, offering independent and assisted living, skilled nursing and memory support to 2000 residents.

Fueled by a passion to help end Alzheimer's disease, Bob served on the Alzheimer's Association National Board of Directors from 2000-2009. In 2009, he acted as a founding board member for the Alzheimer's Impact Movement, where he continues to serve as Treasurer. A dedicated lobbyist, he routinely travels to our nation's capital to promote increased Alzheimer's research funding. He will chair the 2015 Alzheimer's Association Oklahoma Chapter Memory Gala, an event known to be among the top three fundraisers of its kind, nationwide.

Bob holds advisory board positions at the benefit of the American Seniors Housing Association and LIFE Senior Services. He chaired capital campaigns for the 2002 Tulsa Area United Way effort, as well as for the 2000 and 2013 LIFE Senior Services efforts. He functioned as Tulsa Area United Way Board Chair in 2003 and Tulsa Opera Ball Patron Chair in 2002.

From the National Alzheimer's Association, Bob received the 2010 Maureen Reagan Outstanding Advocate Award. He received the 2000 Outstanding Volunteer Fundraiser award and the 2007 Outstanding Philanthropist award from the Association of Fundraising Professionals Eastern Oklahoma Chapter. His alma mater, the University of Tulsa, named Bob their 2011 Outstanding Entrepreneur, at which time he was inducted into the Collins College of Business Hall of Fame. He resides in Tulsa with his wife Jill.