

## Richard S Rogers



*The Curated Storefront* was initiated by Rick Rogers. Rick holds an MBA from Ohio State University (1979) and a BA in Biology and Chemistry from Hiram College (1977). A consummate entrepreneur with an innate propensity for leadership, Rick began his career in 1980 as founder and president of Tribute, a software company based in Akron, Ohio. He assumed leadership of B. W. Rogers Company, a manufacturing and distribution company founded by his grandfather, in 1994. Over the course of twenty years, Rick expanded the family business from six offices in the state of Ohio to twenty-one offices spanning seven states. He assembled and led a diverse team of over 250 people, and it was through his ability to identify talent and cultivate a sense of creativity and independence in his employees that his

company was able to thrive and contribute to the economic vitality of his beloved hometown, Akron, Ohio. Rick continues to give back to the city that allowed his business to flourish through his civic involvement with and contributions to a number of area charities, including Akron Children's Hospital; the Akron Art Museum; the Intermuseum Conservancy Association, and the Boys and Girls Club of the Western Reserve. Rick is deeply engaged in the arts, and he is a leading collector of contemporary ceramics from Asia and the US and twentieth-century American and European design.

Through Rick's leadership, *The Curated Storefront* has successfully secured and managed funds to launch an impressive array of installations in downtown Akron. Rick is also responsible for negotiating the use of vacant storefronts and maintaining healthy relations with property owners, who have generously donated their spaces.

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Education:

Hiram College, Hiram Ohio 1972-1978 BA Biology

Ohio State University, Columbus Ohio 1978-1980 MBA Finance

Organizational:

Tribute Software founded and CEO from 1980 – 1994 B W Rogers Co. CEO 1994 – 2014

Distranet – Managing Member 2000 -2013 Woodside Mgmt 2014 – present

Akron Art Museum Trustee 2000-2008

Akron Art Museum Chairman of the Board 2005- 2007

Rotary Foundation – Trustee 2006-2010

Boys and Girls Club – Trustee 2010-2012 and 2014

Akron Children's Hospital – Trustee 2010 – 2014

Austen Bio innovation Institute – Presidents Council 2012-2014

Intermuseum Conservancy Association – Trustee 2012 – 2014

FRONT International – trustee 2016-2020

NCECA 2021 - trustee

Family:

Married

Two children