

Biographical Description for The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History with Richard T. Greene, Jr.

PERSON

Greene, Richard T., Jr., 1945-

Alternative Names: Richard T. Greene, Jr.;

Life Dates: March 3, 1945-

Place of Birth: White Plains, New York, USA

Residence: Brooklyn, New York

Occupations: Hospital Executive

Biographical Note

Hospital executive Richard T. Greene, Jr. was born on March 3, 1945, in White Plains, New York, to Virginia and Richard T. Greene, Sr. He graduated from Newtown High School in Queens, New York in 1962. In 1966, Greene earned his B.A. degree in zoology from Pennsylvania State University. He attended graduate school at Cornell University, where he received his combined M.B.A. and M.P.S. degrees in health administration in 1975.

In 1967, Greene joined IBM as a systems engineer, working until his enlistment as an officer with the Navy Supply Corps from 1968 to 1970 before joining the Naval Reserves where he attained the rank of Lieutenant Commander. Upon completion of active duty, Greene returned to IBM to work in its sales division in Pittsburgh until 1973. In 1975, after graduating from Cornell University, Greene was hired by the Hospital Corporation of America (HCA) to serve as a healthcare plan manager in Oakland, California. In 1978, he was promoted assistant administrator at Washington Memorial Hospital in New Jersey. In 1980, Greene moved to Atlanta, Georgia to serve as the chief executive officer of Southwest Medical Center. Three years later, he returned to New Jersey and became the chief operating officer of the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey (UMDNJ) Hospital. Greene relocated to Clearwater, Florida in 1984 to serve as H.C.A.'s regional operations director. In 1987, Greene was appointed executive director of H.C.A.'s EquiCor operation in Florida. He moved back to New York in 1990, and became the chief operating officer at University Hospital in Brooklyn, serving until 1998. From 1998 to 2000, Greene was vice president of Bergen Regional Medical Center in Paramus, New Jersey. In 2002, the City of New York appointed Greene as the first Director of Health Services for the New York City Housing Authority where he served until 2012.

Greene serves as president of the Carver Scholarship Fund, which was founded by his father, Richard T. Greene, Sr., the former president of Carver Federal Savings Bank (Carver Bankcorp). He is on the board of the Carver Community Development Corporation, an affiliate of Carver Federal Savings Bank, volunteers with New York's Children's Defense Fund, and served on the board of the New York Organ Donor Network, where he promoted and advocated for organ donation in communities of color. Greene also co-founded the Brooklyn Parks Advocates organization during his tenure as a board member of the Prospect Park Alliance.

Greene married Diane Black in 1977, and the two reside in Brooklyn, New York. They are avid collectors of art and vintage books by African Americans, and have two children: Chelsea and Richard Greene, III.

Richard T. Greene, Jr. was interviewed by The HistoryMakers on June 20, 2019.

Related Entries

P.S. 136 Roy Wilkins School [STUDENTOF]
[from ? to ?]

Newtown High School [STUDENTOF]
[from ? to ?]

Pennsylvania State University [STUDENTOF]
[from ? to ?]

B.S.

Cornell University [STUDENTOF]
[from ? to ?]

M.B.A.; M.P.S.

IBM [EMPLOYEEOF]
[from 1967 to 1968]

Systems Engineer

U.S. Naval Supply Corps [EMPLOYEEOF]
[from 1968 to 1970]

Officer

IBM [EMPLOYEEOF]
[from 1970 to 1973]

Salesman

Hospital Corporation of America [EMPLOYEEOF]
[from 1975 to 1978]

Healthcare Plan Manager

Hospital Corporation of America [EMPLOYEEOF]
[from 1978 to 1980]

Healthcare Plan Manager; Washington Memorial Hospital

Hospital Corporation of America [EMPLOYEEOf]
[from 1980 to 1982]

CEO; Southwest Atlanta Hospital

Hospital Corporation of America [EMPLOYEEOf]
[from 1982 to 1984]

COO; University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey

Hospital Corporation of America [EMPLOYEEOf]
[from 1984 to 1987]

Regional Operations Director

Equitable Hospital of America Corporation [EMPLOYEEOf]
[from 1987 to 1990]

Executive Director

Hospital Corporation of America [EMPLOYEEOf]
[from 1990 to 1998]

COO; SUNY Downstate Medical Center

Hospital Corporation of America [EMPLOYEEOf]
[from 1998 to 2000]

Vice President; Bergen Regional Medical Center

New York City Housing Authority [EMPLOYEEOf]
[from 2002 to 2012]

Director of Health Services

Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. [MEMBEROf]
[from 1964 to ?]

Member

New York Organ Donor Network [MEMBEROf]
[from 1992 to 1997]

Board Member

Prospect Park Alliance [MEMBEROf]
[from 1992 to 2017]

Board of Trustees

Brooklyn Park Advocates [MEMBEROf]
[from 1990 to 2001]

Co-Founder, Board Member

Carver Scholarship Fund [MEMBEROf]
[from 2004 to ?]

Chairman of the Board

Carver Community Development Corporation [MEMBEROf]

[from 2009 to ?]

Advisory Board Member

Children's Defense Fund [MEMBEROf]

[from 2012 to ?]

Board Member

Gowanus Canal Conservancy [MEMBEROf]

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Board Member