



# Woman of Distinction

## *Philanthropy*



### **Sylvia Fields**

Executive Director  
Eden Hall Foundation

Sylvia Fields is widely known as a consistent champion for women leaders in Pittsburgh and as an exemplary and effective administrator whose work is well-respected for the impact it has made on the region and beyond. As the executive director of the Eden Hall Foundation, she is a veteran grant-maker and administrator who manages the legal and financial business of the foundation with responsibility for the allocation of more than \$10 million annually in support of community and regional programs that address issues in southwestern Pennsylvania.

Sylvia began her grantmaking career at the Duquesne Light Company, where she was best known for establishing a Pittsburgh Chapter of the American Association of Blacks in Energy. Throughout her career, Sylvia has worked to build a better community by focusing on opportunities for

women, girls, and underserved youth. She initiated the Women in Philanthropy program with Grantmakers of Western Pennsylvania, and she's a founding member of the African American Funders Group of Southwestern Pennsylvania.

Sylvia is a past director of Grantmakers of Western Pennsylvania, Seton Hill University, the YWCA Greater Pittsburgh, the Carnegie Museum of Natural History, the Pittsburgh Children's Museum, and Magee-Womens Research Institute & Foundation. Currently, she sits on the board of the World Affairs Council of America and serves as board president of the YWCA USA.

Sylvia holds a bachelor's degree from Seton Hill College and a master's degree from Carnegie Mellon University.