

# RICHARD H. COLLINS

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Richard H. Collins is an entrepreneur and philanthropist based in Dallas, Texas and has interests in investment securities and real estate, technology and education. Collins serves as Chairman and CEO of RHC Enterprises, a family investment company and istation, an interactive education company.

A Dallas native and sixth generation of well-known Texas family active in commerce, politics and civic matters, Collins follows a family tradition in the investment business. He was born in Dallas and attended Trinity University and graduated from Southern Methodist University. He was previously the chairman of two commercial banks and in the real estate field, Collins acquired and developed ranch, commercial and residential investment property. He also participated in numerous oil and gas investments.

Since 1978, Collins was a principal in media businesses in motion picture theatres, radio stations and newspapers. All companies were profitably sold.

After working for many years in public policy in education, Collins started the Children's Education Fund (CEF) in 1994 to help disadvantaged children attend the school of their choice. In 1999, Collins co-founded Istation, an animated software program that teaches children to read. Istation serves over 1 million children in 38 states and five countries.

Collins has been active in historic preservation since 1972. From 1981-89, Collins served on the Texas Historical Commission and in 1973 he acquired the House of Seasons in Jefferson, Texas, built in 1872. The House of the Seasons is now owned by the Collins Family Foundation and is operated as a historic museum and hotel.

In 1990 and 1991, Collins was a member of the board of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, which operates the prison and parole system in Texas. He serves as President of the Today Foundation, Chairman of the Children Education Fund and as President of the Collins Family Foundation. He is active in the Republican Party and conservative organizations. He has served on the board of numerous civic and charitable organizations and resides in Dallas. He has two daughters.

## Related Sites

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