

JOHN W. BEACHAM is President/Owner of Red Bud Landscaping & Irrigation, serving Central Florida for over 40 years. He has been invited to join numerous local organizations because they recognize him as a "connector with a vision." As a board or team member of an organization his one mission is to give his best, which includes recruiting others who would also share their time and talent to support the mission of the organization.

Current Board Member/Chair:

- Boy Scouts of America, Central Florida Council
- Preserve the History of Maitland and Eatonville Inc, Nonprofit
- Truist Bank of Central Florida
- Conductive Education Center of Florida (CECO)
- Victory Cup Initiative, Advisory Board Member

John Beacham was born, raised, and now serves as an ambassador to the historical town of Eatonville, Florida, the oldest black township in the United States. A recent recipient of the **Community Legend Award** (June, 2024) at the 2024 Central Florida Juneteenth Gala, he has been serving his community by raising public awareness of Eatonville's special place in American history and its urgent need for historic awareness and preservation. He has been interviewed on WMFE 90.7 National Public Radio, WESH 2 News, WKMG News 6, Spectrum News 13, Fox 35 Orlando and various podcasts.

As President of Red Bud Landscaping & Irrigation Inc., a business started by his father over 40 years ago with an old lawnmower and pickup truck, John's entrepreneurial spirit over the past 25 years has helped the family business become a successful company. Along with his sons and brother, the business continues to nurture the land in Orlando's tri-county area, and his customers know that "*One Call Does It All.*"

John Beacham has spent his life as a servant of the people since graduating from Edgewater High School, attending Seminole Community College, and Troy State at Fort Benning. He served six years in the United States Army as a Morse code teletype operator with a top-secret clearance. He finished his career as a sergeant E5 and an honorable discharge. Next, he worked 10 years in the retail industry at TG&Y, Eckerd Drug Store, and Eckerd Apparel, where he completed numerous retail leadership training courses to improve customer service, build guest relationships and brand marketing before they became today's buzzwords.

John Beacham believes that it is a person's responsibility to give back to the community by working with local and nonprofit organizations, and he has taught this to his six children and eleven grandchildren as well. His oldest son is Pastor Beacham at Hope Church in Winter Garden (<https://hopewintergarden.com/>). Two of his children volunteer with him at the Whitney M. Young, Jr. Luncheon, which benefits over 1,500 at-risk youth in the West Central Florida area and provides scholarships for boys to attend Cub or Boy Scout summer camp. Also, his children have taken this desire to serve and help the less fortunate to an overseas location by visiting Africa to run a medical clinic.

Presently, John serves in various board positions with five local and nonprofit organizations in Central Florida. He has always been inspired by the late President John F. Kennedy's quote, "Ask not what your country can do for you – ask what you can do for your country." Setting a good example has always been important to John. Energized by his faith, family devotion, and

passion to serve and help others, he lives by his life-long philosophy: *"Let the work that I do speak for me."* The day his life "flashes before him," he wants it filled with moments that made a difference here on earth and that his life really did matter.

Past and Present Non-Profit Organizations Board Member/Chair and other Charities

- Ambassador Committee for the Eatonville Community and Zora Neale Hurston Annual Festival
- Association to Preserve the Eatonville Community (2017-2024) Board Member
- Vice Chair for the Golden Eagle Committee that sponsored the Golden Eagle Dinner and table captain for the Boy Scouts.
- Vice Chair for the Boy Scouts' Whitney M. Young Awards Committee
- Orlando Area Salvation Army (2015 to 2019): Board Member
- BB&T/Truist Bank of Central Florida (2013 to present): Board Member
- Cofounder of the annual Victory Cup Initiative – A Nonprofit Storytelling Competition for a \$20,000 grand prize
- Conductive Education Center of Orlando (CECO) Board, which works to enhance the independence of children with motor disabilities through progressive education
<https://www.facebook.com/ConductiveEducationCenterofOrlando?ref=ts>
- Winter Park YMCA Board (2010 to 2019): Scholarship Chairperson and Scholarship Community Phase Chairperson, Fundraisers
- Healthy Eatonville, Leadership Team and Diabetic Committee: a community work team working with local churches to bring awareness and screenings to Eatonville's residents
<http://www.healthycentralflorida.org/your-community/eatonville>
- Orlando Baptist Church: Greeter, Facilitator, and Welcome Committee since faith in God is important in his life and he lives his life according to 1 Corinthians 13:13, "And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity."
- African-American Chamber of Commerce (2013 to 2017): Board Member, 2016 Board Chair, and the 2015 Entrepreneur of the Year
- Rotary Board, President 2013/14, Orlando Breakfast Rotary Club Blues and Brews annual fundraiser to benefit at risk children at Orange Center Elementary School, Rotary Club of Orlando - Blues and Brews Fundraiser 10-18-2012).

YouTube Video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iO4skzu_KG0