

## **ROSEY GRIER**

### **Chairman of the Board**

#### **BIO**

Roosevelt Grier was born in 1932 in Cuthbert, Georgia, into a family of eleven brothers and sisters. Educated at Penn State University, he played professional football for the New York Giants (1955-1962) and the Los Angeles Rams (1963-1967).

In addition to sports, Rosey has excelled in numerous fields, including acting, public relations, and the recording industry. Television viewers have seen him on numerous hit shows such as “The Smothers Brothers”, “Quincy”, and “The Bill Cosby Show”. Feature film credits include *Roots*, *Skyjacked*, *In Cold Blood*, and *Carter’s Army*.

Rosey himself is a best-selling author, whose titles include *Shooting Star*, *All-American Hero*, *Winning*, *Rosey: the Gentle Giant* (his autobiography), and *Needlepoint For Men*, (his needlepoint work was featured on the cover of “The Saturday Evening Post” in November, 1974).

As a humanitarian, Rosey is the co-founder (along with Estean Lenyoun) of American Neighborhood Enterprises (ANE). He is COB of “Impact Urban America” as well, an off-shoot of ANE. These enterprises are a combination of real estate, development, and construction companies committed to providing job training, employment, first-time buyer programs, and affordable housing for the disadvantaged, underprivileged, and at-risk persons in the inner cities of the nation. He is the founder and director of “Giant Step”, a federally funded program designed to give disadvantaged youth job training and to provide housing for senior citizens. He is also the founder and Chairman of the Board of “Rosey Grier’s Are You Committed”, a program which enhances spiritual awareness and self-esteem in underprivileged inner city youth.

As a concerned citizen and spokesman for the elderly and inner city youth of America, Rosey has been the recipient of several national honors and White House invitations from several presidents of the United States. He is a valued friend of the powerful and the less fortunate.

Rosey has received countless honors and awards, including: All-American in football both in high school and at Penn State University, four times

named All Pro with the New York Giants, five World Championship games, named member of the most honored line in professional football - the "Fearsome Foursome", resolutions of commendation from the California State Assembly, the Los Angeles City Council, Los Angeles Mayor Tom Bradley, and the Board of Supervisors of Orange County, Honorary Chairman and Master of Ceremonies for the Special Olympics (1970-1983), the Watson Award from IBM, the B'nai Brith Champion of Youth Award, the National Football League Humanitarian Award, and the Penn State Alumnus of the Year.

In 1981, Rosey was awarded an Honorary Doctorate of Letter of Law from Oral Roberts University, where he now sits on the Board of regents. He has also served on the Boards of numerous other organizations and institutions, including The Fundamental Foundation, the Tuberculosis and Respiratory Disease Association of Los Angeles County, the Joseph P. Kennedy, Jr. Foundation, Special Olympics, the State Athletic Commission for California, and World Impact.