William A. Schwartz

Born and raised in Brooklyn, William A. Schwartz, fondly known as Bill, was the President of Blackstone Company, a building materials company based in East Brunswick, NJ.

His numerous civic and charitable involvements included service as the President and Board Chair of the America-Israel Cultural Foundation (AICF), President of the Jewish Federation of Monmouth County, Captain of the South Aberdeen Emergency Medical Service, Trustee of the Kaufman Music Center, and Governor of the Mannes School of Music.

Bill was a generous benefactor of arts, music education and a lifelong student of piano. He was an extraordinary champion AICF and served on the Board of Directors as President. His passion for music and Israel made him an unparalleled advocate of AICF and mission to support Israel’s emerging artists.

AICF posthumously honored Bill with the distinguished Lifetime Achievement Award at AICF’s Celebration & ICA Awards on November 7th 2022. AICF will rename the Instrument Bank the William A. Schwartz Instrument Loan Program to honor his exceptional philanthropic legacy.

Bill graduated from Poly Prep and Columbia College. Bill passed away on July 9, 2021. He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Janet, his sons David (Hannah) and Marc (Margot), and his five grandchildren.

We are grateful for Bill’s contribution to art and culture and emerging young artists.