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When asked why he works in the field of philanthropy, Dr. Don W. Wilson replies, “I take great satisfaction in seeing people and organizations achieve goals they might have originally believed to be beyond their reach.” Don has a long and distinguished record of helping organizations at the local, state and national levels “achieve beyond their reach.” As Principal and Founder of Don W. Wilson and Associates of Staunton, Virginia, and Of Counsel Consultant to Dini Partners, he puts his experience and insights to work on behalf of nonprofit organizations across America. His special understanding of the unique qualities of effective management in the nonprofit sector provides a vital complement to Dini Partners’ range of services. Don likes working closely with key individuals in the organization to help assess their strengths and talents in order to reach the organization’s goals and objectives. He believes Dini Partners’ greatest value to their clients lies in their experience, their record of successes and their total commitment to every project’s completion.

Prior to founding Don W. Wilson and Associates, Don served as Executive Director of the George Bush Presidential Library Foundation at Texas A&M University. His vision and leadership were key factors in helping the Foundation raise more than \$55 million in private funds to build and endow the presidential library. He came to the Foundation from his position as the nation’s seventh Archivist of the United States, having been appointed by President Reagan in 1987 and serving in that capacity until 1993.

Don currently works with The Mary Baker Eddy Library for the Betterment of Humanity where he is involved with the development of a \$50 million Library and Museum and for on-going operations and program activities. At the National Museum of American Jewish Military History in Washington, D.C. he is helping to restructure the management of the Museum and Archives and with the creation of a strategic plan for the development and implementation of major exhibit and educational outreach programs.

Don was also the first Director of the Gerald Ford Presidential Library and was Deputy Director of the Dwight D. Eisenhower Presidential Library. He received his bachelor’s degree from Washburn University earning his M.A. and Ph.D. in history from the University of Cincinnati. He is the author of one book and numerous articles, and he has served on the faculties of four major universities.

