



## **BIOGRAPHY**

### **Eddie Basha**

Eddie Basha is a man with deep roots in Arizona. Born and raised in the community of Chandler, Basha has dedicated most of his life to making Arizona a better place to live. His advocacy for children and education is legendary.

Eddie is the great-grandson of settlers who came to America in 1884. His grandparents were Arizona pioneers who opened a general store in the mining community of Ray, Arizona, in 1910, two years before statehood. Today, Bashas' is the only family-owned supermarket chain in Arizona. Currently there are 160 stores.

Eddie continues to be an outstanding citizen who has donated his leadership, time and financial support to community projects of all types across the state. Eddie is a leading proponent of quality education. His appointment to the Arizona Board of Regents by Governor Rose Mofford in 1990 concluded in January of 1998. Eddie also served a thirteen-year term on the Chandler School Board. Additionally he was appointed by Governor Bruce Babbitt to the State Board of Education where he served for two consecutive, four-year terms.

Eddie has devoted countless hours toward the plight of the homeless and hungry, health care issues, as a proponent of the arts, numerous political referendums and many other community and civic projects as well.

Eddie and his wife, Nadine Mathis Basha, have passed this strong sense of community and commitment on to their family of six sons.