

## **WILBON KELLY**

### **BIO**

He attended, played basketball and graduated from Farragut High School on the west side of Chicago. He received a 4 year basketball scholarship to Augustana College in RockIsland, Illinois. Mr. Kelly has been married for 44 years to Syracuse and father of Eric and Todd Kelly who are high school and college basketball coaches. Mr. Kelly was also a 5 year high school basketball coach at Morgan Park Academy on Chicago south side.

Wilbon educational background involved receiving a BA in Sociology from Augustana College, a Masters Degree in Public Administration from Roosevelt University in Chicago and lastly received an electrician certification from the Woodfork Electrical School

His professional and work career includes the following:

Employed with the City of Chicago for 21 years in the following positions:

- 3 years as an Executive Assistant to the Mayor of Chicago
- 18 years as a City Planner, Health Care Planner and a Criminal Justice Planner

He was the General Manager of the American Red Cross in Chicago and Cook County which is one of the largest American Cross service area in the United States. For 5 years Mr. Kelly worked closely with Michelle Obama during her time on the America Red Cross Governing Board in the service area.

Mr. Kelly for a period of 6 years was the President of Unparalleled Solutions. This firm provided reading and math after school tutoring service to over 3000 students annually in 60 plus schools in Chicago and its suburban areas.

For the past 18 years Mr. Kelly was employed at Universal Family Connection a 40 year old social services agency on the southside of Chicago. He served as the Coordinator of Employment and Training. He supervised a staff of 7 that are responsible for providing employment and training services to clients from a variety of different city, county and state grants.