

Jean Case Bio

Jean Case, the Chairman of the National Geographic Society and CEO of the Case Foundation, is a philanthropist, investor and internet and impact investing pioneer who advocates for the importance of embracing a more fearless approach to innovate and bring about transformational breakthroughs. Her career in the private sector spanned nearly two decades before co-founding the Case Foundation in 1997.

A passionate believer in all things digital and the amazing potential of technology to change the world for the better, Jean has been profiled in a wide number of publications including the New York Times, CNN and CNBC for her work as a leader in the impact investing movement and focuses her efforts and those of the organizations she leads around many of the same entrepreneurial approaches she cultivated through her extensive private sector career. Under her leadership, the Case Foundation has been recognized for its innovative efforts to address significant social challenges, harnessing the best impulses of entrepreneurship, innovation, technology and collaboration to drive exponential impact. Out of this work, the Case Foundation has identified five principles that individuals and organizations can take to Be Fearless and bring about transformational change and Jean has spoken at hundreds of convenings inspiring leaders worldwide to incorporate the principles into their work. Jean's book, *Be Fearless: 5 Principles for a Life of Breakthroughs and Purpose*, on the 5 Be Fearless principles with stories of those who embody the principles, is scheduled to be published in January 2019.

Before starting the Case Foundation, Jean was a senior executive at America Online, Inc. where she directed the marketing and branding that helped establish AOL as a household utility. Before joining AOL, she held strategic marketing positions at GE's Information Services Division and at The Source, the nation's first online service.

In addition, Jean currently serves as the Chairman of the Board of National Geographic Partners and on the boards of Accelerate Brain Cancer Cure (ABC2), the White House Historical Association and BrainScope Company, Inc. She also sits on the advisory boards of the Brain Trust Accelerator Fund, the Stanford Center on Philanthropy and Civil Society, Georgetown University's Beeck Center for Social Impact & Innovation, and the George W. Bush Presidential Library Center's Women's Initiative Policy Advisory Council.

Jean was an advisor to the U.S. National Advisory Board to the Social Impact Investing Task Force established by the G8 and served in two appointed roles leading strategic public-private efforts, including the President's Council on Service and Civic Participation, to which she was appointed as Chair by President George W. Bush, and as Co-chair of the U.S.-Palestinian Partnership.

She was elected to the American Academy of Arts and Sciences in 2016 and has received honorary degrees from Indiana University and George Mason University.

Finally, Jean and her husband Steve joined The Giving Pledge and publicly reaffirmed their commitment to give away the majority of their wealth to fund worthy charitable causes.