

Contributors

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Marian Chambers was a highly respected civic leader in Jacksonville, Florida, from 1975 until her death in 1996. For many years, she served as executive director of the Jacksonville Community Council Inc. (JCCI), a local, nonprofit think-tank organization that instigates community improvement through citizen learning and advocacy. Perhaps her most significant contribution was envisioning and institutionalizing a unique process to measure community progress, based on community indicators selected and maintained through volunteer citizen effort. Since 1985, JCCI's pioneering work has played a leadership role in a burgeoning national and international community-indicators movement. In 1991, she was chief author of a "replication manual" (included in this volume) designed to help other communities adapt and build on the Jacksonville experience.

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Rodney D. Green has, for 11 years, served as Executive Director of the Howard University Center for Urban Progress, a unit designed to strengthen the university's urban research, community service, and community development agenda at local, federal, and international levels. He has directed over 50 projects with a value of over \$15 million in this period. He has also served as a professor of urban economics since 1977, authoring three scholarly books and over 40 journal articles. He received his bachelor's degree in politics and economics from Yale University and his M.A. and Ph.D. (1980) in economics from the American University.

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He has traveled and worked extensively in the South and Southeast Asian area with a focus on Bangladesh, Cambodia, Vietnam, and Thailand. He has conducted a variety of workshops and seminars, and acted as a consultant to businesses in both the public and private sectors concerning these topics, both in the United States and abroad. He has been active in promoting the quality-of-life field of study in a variety of disciplines. He has published a variety of articles in journals from the social, behavioral science, communication, and marketing areas. He is a founding member of the International Society for Quality-of-Life Studies (ISQOLS), and has been instrumental in the planning and execution of three Quality-of-Life/Marketing Conferences and all of the International Society for Quality-of-Life Studies International Conferences. He currently serves as the Vice President for Programs for the International Society for Quality-of-Life Studies, a post he took over after serving as Vice President for External Affairs.

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Quality-of-Life Theory and Research (2003), and *Community Quality-of-Life Indicators: Best Cases* (2004).

He cofounded the International Society for Quality-of-Life Studies in 1995 and is currently serving as its Executive Director. He is also the immediate past president of the Academy of Marketing Science, the largest academic association of marketing professors worldwide. He received the Distinguished Fellow Award from both the Academy of Marketing Science and the International Society for Quality-of-Life Studies. In 2003, the International Society for Quality-of-Life Studies honored him as the Distinguished QOL Researcher for research excellence and a record of lifetime achievement in QOL research.

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