

# Gary Hegenes

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## Education

North Central University, Minneapolis, MN.

## Professional Experience

Gary is the **Founder of Hegenes Properties** (1973-Present). His company owns and manages 1,700+ apartments in two states, as well as an 80,000 square ft. medical facility. Gary specializes in real estate development, investing, redevelopment, and management. He is often asked to speak at housing forums, because of his involvement on the Board of Directors of the **Minnesota Multi Housing Association**.



Prior to his career in real estate Gary worked in sales for **Cordon Bleu** (1964-73) as a regional sales manager. During his tenure he was rewarded with the National Sales Manager of the Year award, and was ranked 2<sup>nd</sup> in the nation in sales 4 times.

In addition to **Real Estate and Sales**, Gary has also Co-Founded two charter schools in the Minneapolis, MN area: **Breakaway Academy**, which is an academic school for 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade students using hockey as a focus to develop student leaders, and **Hope School**, an academic school for challenged youth in the inner city. In addition to the schools, Gary has served on, or directed several boards of many nonprofit organizations that focus on youth development and adult rehabilitation. Organizations include: **The Boys and Girls Club** (clubs for inner city youth), **CCTP** (helping felons reenter the work force), **Student Venture** (developing student leaders), and **Big Brothers Big Sisters** (pairing youths with adult mentors – 40 years of involvement).

## Personal Information

Gary has a passion for sports. He was a past Downhill and Nordic Ski Racer. He loves to coach and play hockey. He enjoys racquetball, golf, and racing sailboats. He is also a mountain climber, scaling such heights as Mt. Kilimanjaro in Africa. Gary is also a veteran of the US Army, and was a NCO serving over Battalion Training. Gary is also the father of a 17 year-old son.