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Jeffrey N. Wieser '74 P06



Visiting Homes With Hope



On campus, c. 1974

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Jeff Wieser's first foray into serving the Class of 1974 was less than auspicious. He ran for freshman class treasurer and was, in his own words, “thumped.” Undaunted by this experience, in his senior year he and his roommate, George Kryder, ran for class vice president and class president, respectively, thinking that holding these two offices would be a good way to stay connected to each other following graduation. This time, victory was theirs. Thus began 36 years and counting of service to the Class of 1974 and the greater Princeton University community.

In addition to his stint as class vice president, Jeff served as Memorial Fund Chair until his 25th Reunion and as class treasurer thereafter. He has been a Reunion co-chair, a Career Services volunteer, and an Alumni Schools Committee interviewer in Australia, Hong Kong and Connecticut, at one time taking on the chair's position in his regional Schools Committee. He has been on the Alumni Council since 2005 and the Executive Committee since 2007, currently keeping watch over the Alumni Council's finances as the Treasurer. When asked what has drawn him all these years, his response comes without hesitation: “Volunteering is a wonderful way to stay connected to all the impressive things going on at the University. I get a lot from it and it is very much a two-way street.”

The University is not alone in benefiting from Jeff's commitment to service. In March of 2010, after more than 30 years in international banking, he became the president and CEO of Homes With Hope, a Westport, Connecticut, non-profit agency responding to the tragedy of homelessness. Jeff oversees a professional staff and more than 400 volunteers who provide facilities and support services for their local chronically homeless population. He takes on his new responsibilities with “great joy. This is an opportunity to do something concrete to serve my community.”