

**PHILIP B. HALLEN**  
President Emeritus  
Falk Medical Foundation  
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*IFEP board member Phil Hallen with IFEP advisory board member Mai Khoi, a Vietnamese singer/dissident and Havel Prize laureate.*

Philip B. Hallen served as president of the Pittsburgh-based Falk Foundation from 1963 to 2001. Upon retirement, he was named president emeritus, and the foundation endowed a professorship in his name at the University of Pittsburgh — The Philip B. Hallen Chair in Community Health and Social Justice.

The Falk Foundation, which sunset in 2015, was a grantmaking philanthropy operating locally, nationally and internationally. It devoted almost all of its resources to the fight for racial and social justice, with a focus on community mental health, community development, urban planning, public education, child development, expressive arts therapies and architecture. Hallen also led the foundation's extensive communications program, which funded or produced more than 60 independent documentary films and 150 books and scholarly publications.

In the 1960s, Hallen played a critical role in the founding of the [Freedom House Ambulance Service](#), which provided emergency medical services in Pittsburgh's largely African-American Hill District for the first time and pioneered the paramedic model of ambulance care.

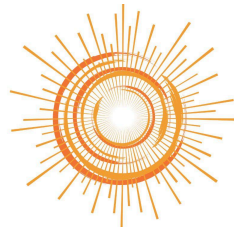
Hallen has served as a special consultant to the National Institute of Mental Health and as a visiting scholar at the Institute of Medicine of the National Academy of Sciences as well as the Harvard Graduate School of Education. He is Honorary Fellow of the American Psychiatric Association. He also served on the boards of the Urban League of Greater Pittsburgh, The National Institute Against Prejudice and Violence in Baltimore, The Center for Effective Philanthropy in Boston and the Yale China Association. He has

been a Trustee of the Episcopal Divinity School in Cambridge, Mass., and The Washington National Cathedral Association.

In foundation affairs, Hallen has served as a trustee and senior fellow of the Council on Foundations and president of Grantmakers of Western Pennsylvania. He was a founding board member of Women in Philanthropy, the Association of Black Foundation Executives, Grantmakers in Film and Television, The Forum on Religion and Philanthropy in Public Life and all affiliates of The Council on Foundations. He was a co-founder of Media Impact Funders, a national network of foundations committed to the effective use of media in the public interest. He is currently a trustee of the Okura Foundation in Los Angeles.

Locally, Hallen has served as chairman of the Pennsylvania Humanities Council and vice president of East End Cooperative Ministry. He is chairman emeritus of Pittsburgh History and Landmarks Foundation. He also has served on the Visiting Committee of the University of Pittsburgh School of Social Work and School of Medicine. He currently is an adjunct faculty member of the university's Graduate School of Public Health and a founding board member of the International Free Expression Project.

Hallen holds BA and MA degrees from Syracuse University and a Master of Public Health from Yale University.



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