Joyce and Bill Cummings were the first Massachusetts couple to join the Giving Pledge, a campaign started by Bill and Melinda Gates and Warren Buffett to encourage wealthy individuals to contribute a majority of their wealth to philanthropic causes. A native of Medford and an entrepreneur, Bill founded Cummings Properties in 1970 and grew its commercial real estate portfolio to more than 10 million square feet. In 1986, he and Joyce established Cummings Foundation, which currently has more than $2 billion in assets, and is well known for awarding 100 grants of $100,000 each year to local nonprofits through the “$100K for 100” program. Through this program and others, the Foundation has awarded more than $225 million in recent years. Joyce and Bill have received dozens of community honors and accolades, and several honorary doctoral degrees. They have also served as college commencement speakers. In 2017, the Greater Boston Chamber of Commerce named the couple to its Academy of Distinguished Bostonians. Bill recently published a memoir, “Starting Small and Making It Big: An Entrepreneur's Journey to Billion-Dollar Philanthropist,” and we look forward to having him at this Fundraising Day in Boston, December 4, 2019, Boston Marriott Copley Place.