



Martha Rollins, Founder,
President and CEO of Boaz & Ruth

As the owner of one of Richmond's most successful antiques and furniture restoration business, Martha's Mixture, Ltd., Martha brings 30 years of extensive business experience to the unique vision of *Boaz & Ruth*, a faith based ministry of economic presence and connection across racial, economic, and geographic divisions in Richmond. As a Carytown merchant Martha and her business were instrumental in the revitalization of the economic corridor of Carytown. She recently completed a six-year term on the board of the Retail Merchants Association of Greater Richmond. She received the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Distinguished Person of the Year award for service to the community of Highland Park and greater Richmond; the National Association of Women Business Owners Entrepreneur of the Year award (2002); the American Business Women's Association Business Woman of the Year Award. (2004); the YWCA Outstanding Woman of the Year Award in Religion (2006); the Sixth District Community Heritage Award (2006), one of 15 national Purpose Prizes awarded for Innovation (2006); John Jasper Heritage Award (2007). In December of 2007 she received the Retail Merchants Distinguished Retailer Award for Service to the Richmond Community.

In 2009 she was invited to the White House where President Obama included Boaz & Ruth in his recognition of 100 nonprofits he cited as approaching national social needs in creative ways. Martha holds a Certificate of Nonprofit Management from VCU. Martha, an Angier B. Duke Scholar and Phi Beta Kappa, graduated with honors in religion from Duke University in 1965 and received her *Master of Arts in Teaching* degree from Duke in 1968. She is an ordained elder in the Presbyterian Church.