



## **Alan Gerry Bio**

CEO and Chairman, Granite Associates, LP

Alan Gerry is chairman and CEO of Granite Associates LP, a venture capital firm focused on emerging technologies, and chairman of the Gerry Foundation, a non-profit organization dedicated to the economic revitalization of Sullivan County, NY.

A pioneering entrepreneur in the cable television industry, Mr. Gerry was the founder, chairman and chief executive officer of Cablevision Industries Corporation (“CVI”), one of the nation's largest privately owned cable companies. Beginning in 1951, Mr. Gerry grew the business from a small television sales and repair shop in rural Liberty, New York, to the eighth largest cable company in the United States. Before being sold to Time Warner in 1996 for \$2.7 billion, CVI operated 64 cable systems across 18 states, serving more than 1.3 million subscribers.

Mr. Gerry was one of the first entrepreneurs to respond to consumer demands for a greater number of channels and improved reception in underserved areas of the country. His innovative use of microwave technology helped make large-area rural cable systems economical and extended cable's reach. In 1989, Mr. Gerry was among the first to use fiber-optic cable to transmit a signal in CVI's San Fernando Valley system covering west Los Angeles.

Following the sale of CVI to Time Warner, Mr. Gerry created the Gerry Foundation, an organization established to stimulate a wide range of economic activity and revitalize Sullivan County, NY. Among the most ambitious projects of the Gerry Foundation has been the creation of the Bethel Woods Center for the Arts in Bethel, NY on the site of the 1969 Woodstock Festival.

Mr. Gerry has been the recipient of numerous awards and citations including the most prestigious award granted by the cable television industry, the Vanguard Award for Distinguished Leadership, which he was awarded in 1995. He was inducted into the Cable Television Hall of Fame in May 2000. Mr. Gerry has also received the Entrepreneur-of-the-Year Award for the New England Chapter of the Institute of American Entrepreneurs; the Distinguished Citizen Award from the Boy Scouts of America; and the Americanism Award from the Anti-Defamation League. In 1999, Mr. Gerry received an Honorary Doctor of Business Administration degree from Roger Williams University, and in 2004 an Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree from the State University of New York.

Mr. Gerry serves on the Board of Trustees for Syracuse University and Guthrie Health Care System in Sayre, PA.

Mr. Gerry is a major benefactor of schools, colleges and medical institutions including the Catskill Regional Medical Center in Sullivan County, NY. In 1997, he established the Paul Gerry Dialysis Center at the Robert Packer Hospital, in honor of his late brother, in addition to the Alan Gerry Chair of Orthopedic Surgery at Harvard Medical School and the Alan Gerry Endowed Scholar Program at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston, MA. In 2007 he founded the Alan and Sandra Gerry Metastasis Research Center at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center.

Mr. Gerry is a veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps.