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Julie Grimes is Managing Partner of the Hilton Bentley Hotel, and VP Philanthropy Heafey Group. An innovative, active and well-respected community leader in the City of Miami, Grimes has extended her reach well beyond her business operations.

She co-founded the Miami-Dade College Hospitality Institute connecting thousands of Miami underserved residents with training and job opportunities in the local hospitality industry.

After the devastating hurricanes in Haiti, Grimes chaired the City of Miami's Operation Hope for Haiti in partnership with World Vision to provide emergency and sustained support. Recognizing the great difficulties facing at-risk youth, Grimes implemented the Big Brothers & Big Sisters workplace mentoring program in her hotels and serves as an ambassador for the program.

Grimes is current Past Chair Miami-Dade College Foundation Board, serves on the Boards of Lotus House, Camillus House, Big Brothers & Big Sisters, Greater Miami & The Beaches Hotel Association, and is a member of the International Women's Forum.

She has been honored with the James W. McLamore Outstanding Volunteer of the Year Award by the Miami Dade Chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals; the Red Cross Spectrum Award; and the Catholic Legal Services New American Award.

A native of Canada, Grimes moved to Miami in 1995 to launch the Doubletree Grand Hotel.