

# Verizon Foundation Community Champions

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## Eric Close

Eric Close plays the featured character, FBI Agent Martin Fitzgerald, in the hit CBS series "Without A Trace," now in its eighth season. Close has acted in the critically acclaimed series "Now and Again," playing Michael Wiseman and played Vin Tanner in the western drama "The Magnificent Seven."

His regular series roles have included portraying John Loengard in the paranormal drama, "Dark Skies," and starring as Brick McKenna in "McKenna." He also had a recurring role in the final season of the long-running show, "Sisters." He has been in television movies such as "Follow the Stars Home," "Without Consent," "The Stranger Beside Me," "Hercules," "The Lost Kingdom," "Long Island Fever" and "Keeping Secrets." Close also played Sawyer Walker in the Emmy Award-winning daytime drama, "Santa Barbara," and he received critical acclaim for his performance in the Stephen Spielberg series "Awakenings." His feature film work includes "Taking Liberty," "Safe House," "Alvarez & Cruz," "The Sky Is Falling," "Liberty, Maine," and portraying a prison inmate in Edward James Olmos' "American Me."

Close has seen first-hand the role technology plays as an educational tool. "As a father of two daughters, I see how they are drawn to and quickly master technology. Thinkfinity.org gives teachers quick, easy access to tremendous resources that will keep their students interested," says Close.

Whenever he can, Close encourages parents to read with their children. "The best part of my day is story time with my daughters," says Close. In addition to his support of literacy, he also serves on the Board of Directors of Crystal Peaks Youth Ranch in Bend, Oregon.

Close lives in Los Angeles with his wife and two daughters. He loves traveling the world; he's a sportsman, preferring outdoor sports such as: rock climbing/free climbing, snow skiing, tennis, golf, sailing and surfing.



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Actor/Director

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## About Verizon Foundation Community Champions

Verizon Foundation Community Champions are celebrities who volunteer their time and talents to join the Verizon Foundation in its efforts to raise awareness and support initiatives such as literacy and education as well as domestic violence prevention.

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