



NEWS & PROFILES

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Welcome to our inaugural issue of the Texas Cavaliers Foundation News & Profiles. Three issues per year will keep you updated on a grant recipient, a profile on "One of the Good Guys in Blue Suits" and short notices of interest.



Bill Hinchey
President

Thoughts from the President

Your Texas Cavaliers Charitable Foundation works throughout the year overseeing the funds you have entrusted to the TCCF for the betterment of children in our community. Trustees also investigate the 60 or more organizations that apply for grants, and make site visits to see firsthand the impact of our grants. Our visits sometimes result in unexpected benefits. Recently, Trustee Mark Krenger and Shannon Nisbet visited the Ricardo Salinas Dental Clinic, which provides care for underserved children. Mark asked, "What do you need besides money?" The staff outlined various renovation needs, and Mark and Shannon left there determined to help. Mark contacted Texas Cavalier friends, and at no cost to the clinic, got donations of materials and labor for new countertops, wall and ceiling repairs, lighting improvements and more. Just one of many examples of Cavaliers in action.

Sincere thanks to Bob Worth and his Endowment Campaign Committee who have raised \$3,384,516 in pledges, of which \$1,957,092 has been collected. Your generosity has more than doubled the TCCF's funds. Last October, the TCCF awarded \$50,000 to St. PJ's Children's Home toward construction of the new Texas Cavaliers Welcoming Center and has raised another \$51,000 in matching funds! The construction cost is a minimum of \$150,000 and the TCCF is working to secure the funds to complete this project. If you can help, please contact any TCCF Trustee or Shannon.

As Fiesta 2019 approaches, the TCCF Board is planning the distribution of funds to our charities. You can still donate to our 2019 Charitable Designee, Morgan's Wonderland, and other selected charities, through the Adopt-A-Charity program. TCCF Trustees soon will begin vetting organizations for 2020 grants. If you know of a children's organization that might qualify, contact Shannon or visit www.texascavaliers.org and click the Charitable Foundation tab.

Finally, I want to thank you all ... your confidence and generosity are making TCCF a great organization that helps countless children in our community.

A simple way to give

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Fred W. Middleton: **One of the Good Guys in Blue Suits**

Visionary thinking, leadership, financial savvy and generosity have guided the life and career of longtime Texas Cavalier Fred W. Middleton, Chairman Emeritus and founder of Sendero Wealth Management, LLC. These traits led Fred to create the Texas Cavaliers Charitable Foundation in 1989. He laid out a plan, donated \$1K seed money, and convinced his fellow Cavaliers that this would launch the organization on a charitable path to improve the lives of children in our community.

"In 1989, I was an aide to King Stanton Bell, and throughout Fiesta, reporters, principals and others asked me what the Cavaliers did. Frankly, I didn't have an answer. We hosted the River Parade, threw parties and passed out aluminum coins to kids and made them happy. It occurred to me that we could be passing out real dollars to support causes that benefit children. The Cavaliers are active community leaders who have the power to use their wealth in a positive way. It made sense to do this," he says.

As a result, the Foundation has awarded more than \$6M in grants to hundreds of children's charities since 1989 and the corpus has swelled to more than \$6M with another \$1.4M in pledges. Fred attributes the Foundation's growth and impact to "the Foundation Trustees, Presidents and generous Cavaliers who contribute to the Foundation's funds and fundraisers, and who work hard to make the River Parade a major fundraising success every year."

Prudent, conservative management of Foundation funds is another significant factor in its progress and the Foundation can thank Fred for that. Dr. Bill Hinchey, President of the Texas Cavaliers Charitable Foundation, says, "Fred and Sendero have managed the Foundation's funds all these years and never taken a penny in compensation. That's the kind of guy he is."

Fred is respected, wise, and an all-around well-liked guy who loves to fly fish, hunt and travel. And he cares. He's one of the Good Guys in Blue Suits. "We need to support the children of this community ... they are the future. We need to make sure they have a chance to participate, to be the best they can be," he says. And so he built a Foundation that is doing just that.



Fred W. Middleton
Chairman Emeritus

Golfers!

Sign up NOW for the 2019 Texas Cavaliers Golf Tournament Presented by Cavender Auto on March 28, 2019 at the Quarry Golf Club. A limited number of foursomes and sponsorships are still available. Top prizes: \$7500 gift card to Lee Michaels Fine Jewelry; \$3500 gift card to Dury's Gun Shop; and 2-night stay at Hotel Emma (includes spa for two and one dinner for two). If you don't play golf, but want to win one of these or other fabulous prizes, raffle tickets are \$100 each. For info: contact Bill Kingman at bkingman@kingmanlaw.com.



TCCF Grants Change Lives

Spotlight: City Kids Adventures

Leon McNeil and his wife Leticia are literally changing the lives of inner city kids with their City Kids Adventures. Introducing kids to camping, kayaking, offshore fishing, ATV riding, hiking, archery, hunting and canoeing, they are exposing them to the vast, promising world beyond their often narrow scope. They serve more than 150 kids each year, from sixth grade up. In the summer, they take groups of older kids on trips around the U.S. to broaden their knowledge and cultural awareness.

It looks like pure fun ... but it's deeper than that. City Kids Adventures lives by a simple motto: Hard work has many rewards. Leon, Leticia and their son Lee Charles model what it means to live in a loving, supportive family. Participants perform community service, keep their grades up and mentor others. They develop purpose-driven lives and self confidence. Graduates become teachers and police officers and they serve in the military, paying it forward, like Leon and Leticia.



Leon was an inner city kid who credits “the countless coaches and teachers who steered my life in a positive direction as inspiration for this mission.” He earned a football scholarship to Abilene Christian University where he was invited on his first camping trip, and it was transformative. He and Leticia met 26 years ago while teaching at an inner city middle school, and founded this organization to share their love of the outdoors with students. Today, Leon is a coach at San Antonio Academy, but he reserves his weekends and summers for City Kids Adventures.

City Kids Adventures has no salaried employees. Leon, Leticia and volunteers make it happen with the financial support of individuals, businesses and private landowners who allow access to their ranches.

He values among his staunch supporters a handful of Texas Cavaliers whose financial contributions and other gifts have helped his program thrive. For the past four years, the TCCF has awarded grants to City Kids Adventures. “Friends like the Cavaliers make it possible for our kids to find meaningful relationships, acquire discipline, develop moral character and gain the tools to succeed.”