

2023-2024



# TCCF Annual Report



Transformative Stories of  
**KIDS**  
and **KINGS**

# SHARING the JOY

## Transformative Stories of Kids & Kings

The Texas Cavaliers Charitable Foundation (TCCF) was founded in 1989 by the Texas Cavaliers – a fraternal organization of more than 600 business, civic and community leaders whose history dates to 1926. The Texas Cavaliers are the dynamic force behind the Fiesta River Parade, one of San Antonio's most beloved community-wide celebrations – spreading cheer, good will, healing, and hope.

Since the founding of the TCCF, the Cavaliers also have become one of San Antonio's most influential philanthropic organizations, distributing more than \$17 million to over 100 children's charities in the past 35 years. Their passion, commitment, and generosity are vastly improving the lives of children who suffer from poverty, mental and physical health issues, abuse, and neglect. They are supporting dedicated non-profits that advance educational opportunities, healthy recreation, cultural development, and initiatives to transcend poverty.

Through prudent investment of donors' contributions to maximize growth of the foundation's corpus, and the discreet vetting of each grant applicant, the TCCF is helping to transform the future for our community's children.

In this 2023-2024 Annual Report, you'll learn how the pure, unmitigated joy of healthy, happy children touches the lives of everyone in our community. Even kings.



# Thoughts from the TCCF Board **PRESIDENT**



This year has been historic for our organization, marked by significant achievements made possible through the generosity of our Cavalier membership, financial partners, and, most importantly, the success of our annual River Parade.

Thanks to these collaborative efforts, TCCF proudly gifted over \$8.5 million to benefit children across Bexar County. This includes a landmark \$7.5 million contribution toward the construction of the Texas Cavaliers Education Center at the Alamo (\$5 million from the Cavaliers and \$2.5 million from our friend Susan Naylor), alongside over \$1 million in grants awarded to 52 children's charities.

The Texas Cavaliers River Parade has been instrumental in helping the TCCF achieve these remarkable charitable goals. Its fundraising efforts not only supported our primary initiatives but also presented the TCCF a check for \$122,000 toward the Foundation's endowment. This contribution plays a crucial role in ensuring the sustainability and growth of our charitable giving, allowing us to continue supporting children in need across our city for years to come.

This report showcases our financial achievements in 2024 and celebrates the incredible organizations and individuals dedicated to supporting children in need across San Antonio. The Cavaliers are committed to providing financial support and building meaningful relationships through personal engagement. As a resource-rich organization, we aim to collaborate with these outstanding charitable organizations to help address the challenges affecting children's growth, health, and opportunities. Our goal is to ensure that every child has the chance for a happy and fulfilled childhood.

I take pride in the collective spirit of the Cavalier organization and the meaningful work we do within our community. Our foundation is poised for a bright future, and I extend my heartfelt gratitude to each who have contributed your time, talents, and resources to support our vision.

**Thank you for your unwavering support as we strive to make a positive impact on the lives of children in San Antonio.**

Sincerely,  
**Jeff C. Bailey**  
President  
The Texas Cavaliers  
Charitable Foundation



# KING ANTONIO CI

## Scott A. Christy



**King Antonio and the Red Plume are a true reflection of the Texas Cavaliers and the amazing things we are doing in our community. The life-changing TCCF grants and high-spirited merriment of the River Parade are among the most celebrated aspects of FIESTA. Your hard work resulted in over \$8.5 million dollars awarded during FIESTA 2024. This city is incredibly appreciative of the support we lend to The Alamo, our armed forces, first responders, and the children's charities carefully vetted by the TCCF.**

**The opportunity to represent the Texas Cavaliers as King Antonio CI has been an honor and a blessing to me, my lovely wife Emily and our daughters. I am grateful for this privilege, and in awe of our amazing community partners who support our endeavors to help the children of Bexar County. Special thanks to Elizabeth and Casey Fry, Lauren and Pete McLaughlin, and Amelita and David Mauzé for making Fiesta 2024 such a wonderful experience through their friendship and relentless hard work.**

**iViva! to King Antonio LXXXVI Billy Atwell II for his foresight in establishing the TCCF Margaret Casillas Art Contest 20 years ago. That foresight created an opportunity to connect public school art programs in all 10 City Council districts with our organization. This year, \$46,000 was awarded to the winners' school art programs to support these creative teachers and students.**

**Our castle group and daily king's guard visited charities, hospitals, schools and many civic engagements, connecting with people from every corner of this vibrant city. We heard their gratitude for the tremendous efforts our membership and leaders like Past Commander Paul Rohlfs, Jr. current Commander Gardner Peavy, the Board of Directors, and the TCCF Trustees are making to give youth the prospects for a better tomorrow.**

**As we get closer to Fiesta 2026 and the centennial celebration of our organization coinciding with the opening of the Texas Cavaliers Children's Education Center at the Alamo, we observe the impact our organization has had in our proud history and look forward to the challenge to exceed these successes in the future.**

**iViva The Texas Cavaliers!**

**Scott A. Christy  
King Antonio CI**





2024 Charitable Honoree

# TEXAS CAVALIERS ALAMO EDUCATION CENTER

## TEXAS CAVALIERS PLEDGE \$7.5 MILLION TO HONOR THE HEROES OF THE ALAMO

What an auspicious celebration it will be when the Texas Cavaliers and the Alamo simultaneously commemorate the opening of the Texas Cavaliers Education Center at the Alamo and the Texas Cavaliers centennial in 2026!

Kate Rogers, MPA, Ed.D., Executive Director of the Alamo Trust, the non-profit organization responsible for the daily operations of the Alamo historic site and the implementation of the \$550 million Alamo Plan, said: “The Texas Cavaliers’ \$5 million pledge (which soared to \$7.5 million, thanks to a \$2.5 million gift from the Cavaliers’ friend Susan Naylor) was the first major gift we received, and it set the ball rolling. We have since raised \$80 million toward the restoration of the 1836 mission battlefield. The Cavaliers’ gift was transformational, and we are profoundly grateful for this partnership.”

Honoring the defenders of the Alamo has been a keystone of the Cavaliers’ mission since the organization’s inception almost 100 years ago, and this connection deepens that relationship and leaves a legacy that will impact countless schoolchildren, teachers, and lovers of history for generations.

Dynamic plans for the Education Center promise to deliver world class educational programming, including professional development opportunities for teachers, with multi-day institutes and road trips to visit Texas historic sites. Teachers from many countries will experience immersive programs that they will take into classrooms to enlighten their students.

Each year, hundreds of thousands of children will reap the benefits of an exceptional STEAM Lab (science, technology, engineering, arts, math), which will be directed by accredited educators. The Education Center will feature a distance learning studio, theater/lecture hall, classrooms, an agricultural garden and live, interactive learning opportunities to engage children from around the world, and free tours and transportation for Title I schools. A dedicated space for pre-school children will be offered through a partnership with Pre-K 4 SA.

Kate said, “We understand the importance of building historical thinking skills in young children – inspiring them to be curious about the past and those who paved the path we walk today. This pioneering facility, thanks to the vision and generosity of the Cavaliers, will put education at the center of our remarkable historical project.”

Phil Bakke, who reigned as King Antonio XCVIII in 2020 and 2021, and now serves as Chairman of the Alamo Capital Campaign, said of this gift to the Alamo – the single largest gift ever awarded by the TCCF: “The Texas Cavaliers and the Texas Cavaliers Charitable Foundation are proud to continue their commitment and tradition of supporting children through the building of the Texas Cavaliers Education Center at The Alamo. The Cavaliers hope the Center will educate and inspire children across Texas and beyond to learn about the heroes of the Alamo and the importance of the Alamo in Texas and United States history.”





Meet a 2024 Grant Recipient

# ASSISTANCE LEAGUE OF SAN ANTONIO

## LOVE, DIGNITY, AND HOPE IN EVERY PAIR OF JEANS

“I cannot bear the thought of a child going without shoes or adequate clothing.” These words from Shelia Klein, longtime volunteer and officer of the Assistance League of San Antonio, explain why she and more than 300 volunteers give of their time, talents, and money to support the work of this agency, which was founded in 1984.

The Thrift House on West Avenue is a primary source of income for Assistance League volunteers who raise money to provide new clothing, shoes, and hygiene kits for kids in Title 1 schools (schools that have a poverty rate of 35% or where at least 40% of the students qualify for free or reduced lunches). In 2023, they clothed over 24,000 children through their host of programs. Operation School Bell, the project supported by the Texas Cavaliers since 2011, outfitted more than 16,000 children from kindergarten through fifth grade last year.

To bear witness to the way they fulfill this undertaking of love can make a grown man cry. Shelia says she has seen the tears in Cavaliers’ eyes “when they realize the nature of what we’re doing for children.” For Operation School Bell, counselors and teachers refer kids to the Assistance League. They arrive in school groups to the newly renovated facility that serves as a retail shop for children from the referring schools. Each child is welcomed by a “personal shopper” who helps them select brand new outfits, shoes, socks, underwear, and a hygiene kit. “The little girls go straight for the sparkly things, and they love to stand in front of the mirror admiring their new outfits. Sometimes kids announce joyfully, ‘Wow! My very own toothbrush!’”

“We realize there are many needs in the population we serve – food insecurity, medical issues, and all the ills associated with poverty. Maybe clothing doesn’t seem like a lot, but it brings pride and dignity to the children and provides a little financial relief for the families. We are filling a gap, and the need is overwhelming,” Shelia said. “We could not do this at the level we do without the Cavaliers help.”

Beyond the TCCF grants, the Assistance League has been thrilled to host Cavaliers Care Day volunteers the past three years. “The Cavaliers families that have come to help us assemble hygiene kits and work on clothing orders have been wonderful! One little girl told her parents, ‘I really like this philanthropy work.’ We’ve created a future philanthropist! We are so grateful for this partnership. Our mission and the TCCF mission are well aligned, and our relationship deepens every year.”





## Meet a 2024 Grant Recipient

# GIRLS, INC. OF SAN ANTONIO

### WITH KNOWLEDGE AND CONFIDENCE, THESE GIRLS ARE READY TO TAKE ON THE WORLD

Girls, Inc. of San Antonio is celebrating its 20th anniversary on a new campus that opened its doors in December, 2023. This vibrant, exciting space hosts girls from ages 6 to 18 with a myriad of innovative programs and camps designed to empower, build self-esteem, transform self-image, and realize their potential for leadership, educational achievements, and career opportunities.

Lea Rosenauer, President & CEO, said, "We intentionally reach into the under-resourced communities in Bexar County – Title I schools, shelters, foster care, and places where generational poverty presents obstacles to a girl's feeling of self-worth and her ability to form or pursue goals."

The opportunities that Girls, Inc. presents are boundless, research-based, and result in impressive outcomes. In first and second grades, the Mini Explorers discover science and fine arts. First through fifth grade girls spend Spring Break at STEAM Camp, advancing their interest and skills in science, technology, engineering, art, and math. Middle school girls attending Future Forward and Eureka! are introduced to the marvels awaiting them in STEM fields, and they get to visit college campuses, access tutoring, and experience internship opportunities. Project Accelerate instills leadership and social emotional learning (SEL) skills in high school juniors and seniors. Girls University demystifies college in an eight-week summer day camp that serves over 125 per week. And there's more!

"Families and caregivers report that the girls who participate in Girls Inc. programs are more confident, better prepared for life after high school, supportive of their friends, willing to express their opinions, and able to resist peer pressure. We provide a safe, nurturing place where they see there is a big, bold world beyond their back yard," Lea said. The philosophy works. Girls Inc. has provided multiple services to more than 50,000 girls in its 20-year history,

"From the very beginning, the Texas Cavaliers have been a partner in this mission," Lea said. A highlight for senior girls is the chance to ride on a float in the Texas Cavaliers River Parade, a coveted reward the girls love to seize before heading out to take on the world – with courage, integrity, and confidence.





Meet a 2024 Grant Recipient

# TEXAS BURN SURVIVOR SOCIETY

## AT CAMP DAVID, KIDS CAN LEAVE THEIR WORRIES BEHIND

If you were to visit Camp David, expect your heart to overflow at the sight of joyous children romping, climbing, chasing, laughing, and experiencing the best of camp life. The Texas Burn Survivor Society's (TBSS) week-long summer camp provides a safe, healthy, joyful, social, spiritual, and emotional lifeline for burn survivors ages 7 to 16. For this one week, the campers, who have been burned in accidents or as victims of abuse, find comfort, hope and camaraderie with each other. They fish and hike and swim and roast s'mores and do the things all kids should be able to do. It is a healing time when they can leave their worries and self-consciousness behind.

Siblings are invited, too. Sue Dodson, Executive Director, says the feedback from campers and their families offers heartfelt validation of everything they do. "One of our board members, who is a burn survivor, went to Camp David as a child. She was able to bring her siblings to Camp David with her. Her sister later told us how much it meant to them to see their sister find happiness and a sense of inclusion and normality at camp. She said it was a life-changing experience for the entire family."

The Texas Burn Survivor Society understands that every member of the family is a burn survivor, not just the individual(s) who suffered burns. It is the organization's mission to provide care, comfort, and essential services to the critically burned and their families. The services are expansive, compassionate, and adapted to each family's needs.

Camp David is just one of many programs the TBSS offers to children, adults, and families, and it is the one the Texas Cavaliers have supported for 17 years. Sue points out that TCCF funding was exceptionally meaningful during the pandemic when the in-person Camp David had to shut down. Typical of the TBSS' creativity and resilience, they offered Camp in a Box to their kiddos, and the TCCF grant helped make that possible.

Each day, the at-home campers reached into their box and found the day's activities – movies, arts and crafts projects, the makings of a luau and more. "Parents loved it," Sue said. "It gave them a chance to see what their kids do at camp. They realize they won't always be there 24/7 for their children, and this gave them a glimpse into how their kids are finding their own path, making friends and building memories."

Texas Burn Survivor Society connects families with others in similar circumstances to aid in emotional healing. They provide emergency assistance, bus tickets and gas money so families can get to medical appointments. "We can't save everyone," Sue said, "but we know we are making pivotal changes in our families' lives, and it is truly our privilege to help."



# KIDS' STORIES

## Poignant enough to make a grown King cry

In witnessing the transformative power that TCCF grants herald for the children who are served by our charitable partners, it is clear that the children are buoyed up in the process. But along with the hope and healing that TCCF grants bring to children, there are concomitant, long-lasting, and perhaps unexpected transformations for King Antonio and his royal court. We've asked five beloved former Cavalier Kings how their lives have been changed by the experience of serving as King Antonio.



### KING ANTONIO LXXXI M. ROB EVERSBERG, 2003

In 1999, when Rob Eversberg served as River Parade Marshal, he and fellow Cavaliers adopted three families through the Family Service Association's Christmas Adopt-A-Family project. One of the families was headed by a single mom who was dying of AIDS. Rob and his cohort of Cavaliers gave their all to bring Christmas joy to the family of five children, who had known little joy. They delivered gifts and food, and watched the children open their gifts. The mom died shortly thereafter, but she told them that Christmas was the most meaningful and hopeful ever experienced by the family. It was a life-changing moment for Rob, the Cavaliers who joined him in this mission of mercy, and the families to whom they gave their time, money, and love.

"When I was King, my gifts to the schools and charities we visited were copies of Max Lucado's beautiful book, *You are Special*. I loved sharing the message of this book at every stop, but especially at The Children's Shelter – reminding the children that we are all different, but we are all loved and important and have special gifts to share with others." He recalled another memory of that week in 2003: "During our visit to The Acorn School, a student's mom presented me with a medal made of Milagros hanging from brightly colored ribbons. It was a gift from her mother, who kindly wanted me to wear it for protection during Fiesta. The mother was undergoing chemotherapy and could not be with us that day. I was so touched by this sweet gesture that I wore the medal throughout Fiesta, telling the story to all who asked about it. I later had the medal blessed by Father David Garcia, and passed it on to my successor, Sam Bell Steves II, to protect him and to remind us of the importance of caring for others and that amid the frivolity of Fiesta, we are privileged to bring joy to those who may be in need." The medal and story have since been handed down to each successive King Antonio over the years.



## **KING ANTONIO LXXXVI WILLIAM H. (BILLY) ATWELL, 2008**

During Billy Atwell's term as Parade Marshal in 2004, he and his wife, Wendy, brainstormed a creative project to pull the community together at a time when the State of Texas was cutting funding for the arts in public schools. They launched the TCCF Margaret Casillas Art Contest, inviting kids in every City Council district to submit original art. Winners' schools earn prizes, the kids are honored at an assembly when the King visits the winning schools, and the top honorees ride on a barge in the River Parade. The Atwells' dream has become a colorful, popular tradition that continues to flourish.

**“My outlook has changed in many ways since wearing the King’s uniform. In that capacity, we touch so many young lives, and what a joy that is. Each King crafts a message he leaves behind as he visits schools and charities, and mine was ‘Never Give Up!’ At each stop, I challenged the kids to believe in themselves, and I asked them to shout this at me when they spotted me at Fiesta events, ‘King! Never give up!’ I cannot express how touching it was when little kids joyfully screeched my words back to me. At the Battle of Flowers Parade, I saw a child in a wheelchair who was missing both legs and holding up a sign, ‘Never give up!’ I will never forget that.”**



## **KING ANTONIO XCV DR. MICHAEL A. CASILLAS, 2017**

Mike Casillas considers the Texas Cavaliers to be his extended family, and he was honored to reign as the first Hispanic King Antonio – a milestone he joyfully shared with the city. When he served as Night Aide to King Antonio LXXXVI Billy Atwell, they visited The Children's Shelter and to this day he remembers: “We were sitting around the basketball court, and I saw an older kid crying and I asked him what was wrong. He said this was like Christmas for him. It was an unburdened day when he could just be a kid and feel happy. When we got back in the Suburban, I was so choked up I could not speak, make eye contact or interact with anyone ... and I was driving the King!”

**“When Fred Middleton initiated the Texas Cavaliers Charitable Foundation, the culture of the organization underwent a significant change. We’re still an active group of good friends who love to celebrate and work hard, but we are about more than that. To serve as King Antonio for an organization that does so much for our city’s children made the honor incredibly meaningful to me. That was the year we hit \$1 million in grants for the first time. When I got a phone call with that amazing news, I cried from pure joy. The awesomeness of hitting that mark got to me. I kept playing the song, “If I had \$1 Million” over and over – a song that celebrates all the things that could be done if you had a million dollars. And I was overjoyed knowing what that \$1 million would do for our community’s children.”**



## KING ANTONIO XCVII ROGER C HILL III, 2019

When Roger Hill was Parade Marshal in 2015, he was deeply touched by his visit to TEAMability. “It was very emotional going to this innovative place where the founder, Barbara Goldman, had an amazing vision and made it come to life. They are helping kids with multiple disabilities and so many obstacles, yet they recognize and honor each child as a human with potential. There were a dozen Cavaliers with me, and not a dry eye as we left the building.”

“As King Antonio, you see the immediate and lasting impact of the children’s charities we support, and it makes you view our city through a different lens. There were many remarkable moments that made us aware how our support is making San Antonio a better place to live, to raise families, and to care for one another. Visiting Sunshine Cottage, which was founded by the family of our fellow Cavalier, John White, was very moving. Meeting the caring leaders who envision these charities and do such incredible things to serve children leaves a lasting and inspirational impact. It is a privilege to be a part of this mission.”



## KING ANTONIO XCIII PHILLIP P. BAKKE, 2020-2021

The Covid pandemic hit in 2020, shutting down life across the planet, including the Texas Cavaliers River Parade. While it was a huge disappointment for everyone involved, it elevated King Antonio XCIII Phil Bakke to an unprecedented two successive years as King Antonio, a tenure he accepted with energy and humility. His passion for the Texas Cavaliers Children’s Education Center at the Alamo drives his service as Chairman of the Alamo Capital Campaign, and he is proud of his role in helping raise the largest single gift the Cavaliers have ever made – \$5 million for construction of that landmark center.

“Serving as King provides a platform for life. After you take off the uniform and the notoriety wanes, you take what you learned and use it for the common good. It opens your eyes to the realization that the needs in our community are greater than our capacity for meeting those needs. It is an honor to help the non-profits we serve. Their ability to raise funds during the pandemic was severely hampered, but the Texas Cavaliers Charitable Foundation was instrumental in getting money back on the street and helping these folks stay open. It was clear to me as we visited the many schools and charities that we can each make a difference. It’s up to us to do so. When we finally were able to hold the Parade, we felt the spectacular energy and hope as citizens came out in full force, ready to leave the pandemic behind.”

FY 2023-2024

# FINANCIAL IMPACT

52

CHARITABLE  
PARTNERS

\$2.5m

TOTAL GIFTS  
TO CHARITY

\$12.17m

TOTAL ASSETS

\*Full financial information available  
at [www.texascavaliers.org](http://www.texascavaliers.org)

# \$1 MILLION

## In Grants Transforming the Lives of Children

Children's charities throughout Bexar County are bringing hope, health, education, nurturing, enrichment, and love to children living in poverty, suffering from abuse and neglect, and encountering obstacles that stand in the way of a happy, healthy childhood.

In this fiscal year, the Texas Cavaliers Charitable Foundation awarded \$1 million in grants to 52 children's charities that are performing miracles every day through their innovative strategies to help children in their suffering (in addition to the Alamo pledge of \$5 million). Their missions are worthy and fill a critical niche and we are honored to partner with them through grants, and through growing relationships that include hands-on labor. Each year, dozens of Cavaliers, their wives and children span out across the city and offer their services through the annual Cavaliers Care Day. We're forging meaningful relationships and seeing up close the impact of these selfless non-profits.

Thank you all for your support, your contributions to the TCCF, and your work to make the Texas Cavaliers River Parade a showcase for the Cavaliers to spread love, cheer, joy, and kindness across our city through these organizations:

Assistance League  
of San Antonio  
AugustHeart  
Autism Community Network  
AVANCE-San Antonio  
Be Kind San Antonio Inc.  
dba Snack Pak 4 Kids  
San Antonio  
Believe It Foundation  
Boys & Girls Club  
Boysville, Inc.  
Brighton Center  
Camp Brainstorm  
Camp Discovery  
Child Advocates San Antonio  
Children's Association for  
Maximum Potential (CAMP)  
Christian Assistance Ministry  
Classical Music Institute  
Daily Bread Ministries, Inc.  
Education Center at the Alamo  
(CHARITABLE HONOREE)  
First Steps Montessori  
Learning Center

Gabriella's Smile Organization  
Girls Inc. of San Antonio  
Girls Scouts of Southwest Texas  
Good Samaritan Center of  
San Antonio  
Healy-Murphy Center, Inc.  
House of Neighbourly Services  
Jewish Federation  
of San Antonio  
Kinetic Kids  
Little Flower School  
Mission Road  
Developmental Center  
Musical Bridges Around  
the World, Inc.  
Project MEND  
R3 Student Outreach  
Respite Care  
of San Antonio, Inc.  
Rise Recovery  
Ronald McDonald House  
Charities  
SA Life Academy, Inc.  
SA Lighthouse for the Blind

San Antonio Metropolitan  
Ministry, Inc.  
(dba SAMMinistries)  
San Antonio Youth Literacy  
Special Reach, Inc.  
Spina Bifida Texas  
St. Jude's Ranch for Children -  
Texas Region Inc. (SJRC Texas)  
St. PJ's Children's Home  
Sunshine Cottage School  
for Deaf Children  
TEAMability  
Texas Burn Survivor  
Society, Inc.  
The Arc of San Antonio  
The Winston School  
Wear blue: run to remember  
Wonders & Worries, Inc.  
YMCA of Greater SA  
Youth Center of Texas  
Zapatos, Inc.

# IN MEMORY

## Of Our Brothers

The Texas Cavaliers are a close-knit family of brothers who work and celebrate together. They are extended family. When a member of this fraternal organization passes, the grief is as great as that of losing a family member, and we mourn with our brothers and their families. We extend deep sympathy to the families, friends, and all who knew and loved these brothers who preceded us in death this past fiscal year.

**John E. Bakke III**

**Lawrence T. Biedenharn**

**Bartlett Cocke, Jr.**

**Richard (Dick) Porter Corrigan**

**T. William (Bill) Cothren**

**Dr. Dick O. Creamer**

**Sidney J. Francis II**

**Edward (Ed R) Richard Frnka II**

**Carl I. (Triple) Fuhrmann III**

**W. W. (Bo) McAllister III**

**John K. (Jack) Meyer**

**Charles W. Parish, Jr.**

**Frank A. (Pat) Stanush III**

**A. A. (Bud) Urrutia M.D.**

**Joseph (Joe) H. Vives**

**Ricks Wilson, Sr.**

**William (Bill) I. Wyatt, Jr.**

## So Many Ways To Generate Change, Save Lives, Render Hope, and Share Your Love

We were able to award \$1 million in grants to 52 children's charities this fiscal year, in addition to our \$5 million pledge to the Alamo, because of you. Your generous contributions to the Texas Cavaliers Charitable Foundation are transforming the lives of children and families, and giving financial and moral support to the selfless, compassionate non-profits that serve so many children in our community.

We love your philanthropic spirits, and we are grateful for your confidence in the TCCF.

It has been our tradition with the TCCF Annual Report to list donors in each category as a way of publicly thanking you. This year, we are replacing the donor listings in the Annual Report to make room for more of the great

impact stories made possible by your gifts. We hope you'll enjoy these stories and photos and marvel at the revolutionary changes your altruism is generating in every sector of our community. To see the names of generous donors who make it possible for the TCCF to do its philanthropic work, please see our website: <https://www.texascavaliers.org/charitable-foundation>.



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# TCCF CHARITABLE FUNDS

## Invest in Our Community's Children

The Texas Cavaliers Charitable Foundation manages and invests your charitable dollars through a variety of funds that are awarded to carefully-vetted non-profit organizations serving children through grants in education, health care, recreation, the cultural arts, and more. The TCCF invites your gifts to these charitable funds for the betterment of children's lives today and into the future.

### **ADOPT-A-CHARITY**

Adopt-A-Charity provides a means for donors to leverage their charitable investments by combining their gifts to sustain critical services while also stimulating giving by others.

### **“CAMPAIGN FOR CHILDREN” ENDOWMENT FUND**

In our concerted quest to support children's charities in perpetuity, we invite you to support the TCCF endowment, which has grown from zero to \$10 million in 35 years. We are grateful for your confidence in the TCCF's prudent management of funds and your steadfast partnership in this mission.

### **MEMORIAL AND HONOR GIFTS**

Sending a gift to the TCCF in the name of a family member, friend, or colleague offers a fitting memorial tribute, and a way to honor someone important to you on any occasion.

### **LEWIS HART SOCIETY**

Texas Cavaliers who name the TCCF as a beneficiary of their estate with a gift of \$10,000 or more are inducted into the Lewis Hart Society – a meaningful brotherhood of like-minded charitable donors.

### **ORDER OF THE GOLDEN AND SILVER KNIGHTS**

Texas Cavaliers who donate \$3,000 or more to the TCCF receive a golden pin. A gift of \$1,000 or more earns a silver pin. Each signifies your generosity and compassion for children in need.

### **UNRESTRICTED GIFTS**

When one of our charitable partners reports an urgent need, we are especially grateful for your unrestricted gifts that enable us to lend emergency support. Our donors are assured that our careful vetting process on each charitable applicant will go to trusted partners who are doing transformative work on behalf of children.

### **TEXAS CAVALIERS ALAMO EDUCATION CENTER**

Texas' treasured Alamo is undergoing a multi-year, multi-phase, multi-million dollar restoration project to preserve the historic site and richly enhance the visitor experience. The Texas Cavaliers \$5 million gift (along with our friend Susan Naylor's additional \$2.5 million) to create the Texas Cavaliers Alamo Education Center, scheduled to open in late 2025, will provide a world-class learning environment. The Center will include an outdoor learning pavilion, theater/lecture hall, vibrant agricultural garden, and classrooms. The STEAM Lab and Early Learner Hub will engage students of all ages with interactive approaches to history, utilizing archaeology, physics, art, and more. Students and teachers around the world will be able to participate in virtual lessons and field trips. This partnership between the Alamo Trust, Inc., and the Texas Cavaliers illustrates the longtime connection between these two entities.

In the Texas Cavaliers bylaws, we see the genesis of this relationship, now nearly 100 years in the making:

**The Association was initially created and exists to honor the memory of the matchless heroes who fell at the Alamo and whose blazing pyres lighted the way to victory and independence at San Jacinto.**

# SPONSORSHIPS

## TEXAS CAVALIERS RIVER PARADE

King Antonio, his royal court, and hundreds of dedicated volunteers work diligently every year to showcase the joy of Fiesta in this spectacular, light-filled musical extravaganza along San Antonio's famed Riverwalk. More than 250,000 fans show up in colorful attire to celebrate Fiesta, and more than 300,000 watch from home. Thanks to our generous sponsors, the Texas Cavaliers generate significant income to support children's charities through the TCCF. The River Parade is our signature event, and one in which we take great pride. It is our sponsors who make it possible for us to maximize earnings and use those funds for the good of children in our community. Sponsors, we love you!

## 2023 TRIPLE FUHRMANN MEMORIAL CONCERT

Country music fans flock to the Joe Freeman Coliseum each fall for a boot stomping good time with top Country stars, lively dancing, and a gourmet dinner. This increasingly popular annual event, begun in 2019 by a group of Cavaliers under the leadership of the late, much-loved Cavalier and former TCCF Trustee Triple Fuhrmann, is generating funds to support children's charities via grants awarded by the Texas Cavaliers Charitable Foundation. Much gratitude to our sponsors, whose support helps defray costs of the evening to increase net profits ... all for the love of our community's children.

## TCCF MARGARET CASILLAS ART CONTEST

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