

## **About Charles and Phyllis M. Frias**

In 1958 Charles and Phyllis Frias came to Southern Nevada with nothing more than the clothes on their backs. Neither one had attended college, but with a firm determination and tireless work ethic, they built five taxicab companies into the largest transportation company in the state of Nevada, fueling the lifeblood of the Las Vegas tourism economy for decades by providing safe and efficient transportation experiences. Hand in hand with their business success, the Frias couple actively engaged in philanthropy by donating millions of dollars to support children, education, and the less fortunate members of the community.

In 2003 the Clark County School District opened the Charles and Phyllis Frias Elementary School named in their honor acknowledging their kindness, generosity, commitment, and willingness to support children and education. As namesakes the Friases immediately responded as donors by committing to provide enhancements for the classroom and faculty. Inspiring the students to set goals and study hard, the Friases rewarded the 5<sup>th</sup> grade graduating class with an all-expense paid field trip to Disneyland, a tradition that is now entering its third decade. Over the years the Charles and Phyllis Frias Elementary School has received many accolades for excellence including induction into the National Blue Ribbon Schools Program.

In 2012 Clark County dedicated one of its largest neighborhood sports field and parks, a 32 acre site with canyon and mountain views located in southwest Las Vegas, and named it in honor of Charlie.

## **About the Frias Legacy**

The positive impact that Charles and Phyllis Frias made on Las Vegas is one that few, if any, will ever match. Grateful for the successes Las Vegas provided them and resolute in their belief that all children regardless of background should be afforded the opportunity for a quality education, the couple's generosity allowed many Southern Nevadans to attend college who would not otherwise have been able to do so, as well as multitudes of high school students in Clark and Lincoln counties who benefited from their generosity over the decades. Charles passed away in 2006. After Phyllis passed away on October 31, 2016, the Charles and Phyllis M. Frias Charitable Trust was established to continue their legacy of giving to the community they so cherished.

Since Phyllis' passing, John H. Mowbray and Jack R. Hanifan, trustees of the Charles and Phyllis M. Frias Charitable Trust have facilitated distributions valued at nearly \$14 million to support children, education, and the less fortunate members of Southern Nevada, most notably: in 2017 continued disbursements for Frias Elementary School student and faculty enhancements, including underwriting the annual Disneyland field trips; in 2018 a distribution valued at over \$9 million to the Girl Scouts of Southern Nevada, the largest single distribution at that time to any girl scout council in the 107 year history of Girl Scouts USA now named Camp Frias Frontier in Alamo, Nevada; in 2019 and 2020 several real estate parcels aggregating over 12 acres in Mesquite, Nevada to the Nevada Rural Housing Authority to develop much needed affordable housing units; in 2021 a multimillion dollar distribution of a shopping center in Mesquite now used predominately to establish and provide Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics programs ("STEAM") to enhance the education, skills and employment opportunities for children, teens and young adults in the area; and in 2022 distributed nearly \$1 million to the Public Education Foundation (PEF) to underwrite 9 college/university \$100,000 scholarships to Southern Nevada high school seniors who came from homes where their parents never had an opportunity to attend college as well as awarding a grant to the PEF for its Rural School Supply Distribution Program distributing over \$200,000 in much needed school supplies to nearly 600 teachers and 8,000 students throughout rural Southern Nevada, including Boulder City, Searchlight, Laughlin, Indian Springs, Mount Charleston, Blue Diamond, Primm, Jean, Goodsprings, Bunkerville, Mesquite, Logandale, Overton, Moapa, Alamo, Panaca, Pioche, and Caliente. 2022 closed with a \$200,000 disbursement to the Leadership Institute of Nevada to support its continuing core program to address and solve Southern Nevada's educational challenges.

## **About the 2023 Charles and Phyllis Frias Legacy Scholarship**

In 2023 the Charles and Phyllis M. Frias Charitable Trust will again collaborate with the PEF to underwrite a minimum of seven \$100,000 Frias Legacy Scholarships to worthy Southern Nevada high school seniors residing in Clark, Nye, Lincoln and Esmeralda counties all of whom to qualify had the misfortune to experience some substantial adverse event beyond their control during their high school career that impacted their ability to receive a scholarship to attend the college of their choice and as a result their high school GPAs would not have qualified them for the more traditional scholarships then available.

As one of the 2022 scholarship recipients shared last Spring, “It was my community that made me, and I will never forget the whirlwind of emotions I felt when I was told that I was a recipient of the Charles and Phyllis Frias Legacy scholarship. My life has been changed by these people who saw the dampened shine of someone who just needed a chance to excel.”

### **About the Charles and Phyllis M. Frias Charitable Trust 2023 Project 150 grants**

On February 2, 2023, the Charles and Phyllis M. Frias Charitable Trust approved two grants aggregating \$250,000 to provide support to homeless, displaced, and disadvantaged Southern Nevada high school students to ensure they remain in school, graduate, and build successful futures. One grant for \$100,000 will support college bound Project 150 students in the 2023/2024 academic year by empowering them with scholarships to fulfill their dreams of attending college. The other grant in the amount of \$150,000 will be used to purchase two new box trucks to assist with weekly deliveries of non-perishable food, school supplies, and hygiene items to 75 Southern Nevada High Schools for Project 150 students in need.

### **About John H. Mowbray, Frias Charitable Trust Trustee**

John H. Mowbray is a native Las Vegas and 2nd generation Nevada lawyer who has been practicing law in Southern Nevada for the over the past four decades. During his career John has represented many of the leaders in business and industry who helped build Las Vegas into the internationally acclaimed ‘Entertainment and Sports Capital of the World’. Active in community and cultural affairs for decades Mowbray is the lead partner for Spencer Fane’s Las Vegas office. Mowbray is a current member and past president of the State Bar of Nevada and has served in leadership positions on the boards of the Clark County Bar Association, the Boy Scouts of America, Catholic Charities of Southern Nevada and is a founding member of the Mob Museum located in downtown Las Vegas.

### **About Jack R. Hanifan, Frias Charitable Trust Trustee**

Jack R. Hanifan has been a Nevada attorney for approximately 30 years with extensive experience in assisting clients with their estate planning and business matters. He helped guide the Friases with their wish to establish the Charles and Phyllis M. Frias Charitable Trust to serve children, education and the less fortunate members of the Southern Nevada community. As a co-trustee of the charitable trust, he is honored to help continue the Friases legacy of giving back to Southern Nevada, a community they loved and cherished.

### **About J. Tyler Mowbray, Frias Charitable Trust Advisor**

John Tyler Mowbray is a native Las Vegas and 3rd generation Nevada lawyer. After earning his undergraduate degree from the University of Notre Dame, Tyler received his Juris Doctorate from UNLV’s Boyd School of Law and became a member of the State Bar of Nevada in 2017.

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