

Gordon Hartman was born and raised in San Antonio. At the age of 12, while attending a local seminary, he started his own landscaping business and by the age of 19 had earned and saved enough to begin his homebuilding business and build his first house. From his small efficiency apartment, Gordon founded Gordon Hartman Homes in 1983 and began building homes for low-to-moderate income families. Over the next 22 years he managed the growth of his company into the largest locally-owned homebuilding and land development enterprise in San Antonio.

In 2005, Gordon was presented with the opportunity to sell his business and establish *The Gordon Hartman Family Foundation* to which he has donated \$15,000,000 to date to pursue his and his wife's dream of helping children and adults with special needs. Their devotion to this cause is inspired by their daughter Morgan who was born with cognitive and physical special needs.

This spring Gordon realized the birth of another dream with the grand opening of *Morgan's Wonderland*. In 2007, he recognized the tremendous need for accessible outdoor facilities for individuals with special needs. Morgan's Wonderland is the first ultra accessible park of its kind in the world, specifically designed for the enjoyment of those with special needs. Families from all over the state, the country and the world are coming to the park to enjoy a variety of activities that before were inaccessible to those with special needs.