Frank and Carol Morsani Biographies

FRANK MORSANI

Frank L. Morsani has been described as a consummate philanthropist, businessman and community leader who is constantly enriching the Tampa Bay community.

Mr. Morsani is the retired chairman of Automotive Investments Inc. and a trustee of the Frank and Carol Morsani Foundation, Inc. His work as a businessman and developer includes service on national, state and local committees and boards. National recognition came to Mr. Morsani when he was appointed by President Bush and President Reagan to two Small Business Councils. In 1986, he chaired the board of the United States Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Morsani also served in the Navy during the Korean War.

Mr. Morsani’s achievements can be seen and heard throughout the state and country. His chairmanship on the Tampa Bay Performing Arts Center Board brought the area culture and artistic expression. His strong business alliances and foresight has changed our community. He has been described as a die-hard advocate of education and a seasoned fundraiser.

The University of South Florida has been enriched by Mr. Morsani’s service and generosity. Mr. Morsani has served on the USF Foundation Board of Trustees since 1995 and is a past vice chairman of the board. He is currently chairing the USF Health Facilities Campaign and serves on the USF Foundation Partnership for Athletics. Mr. Morsani served as chair of the USF Endowment Fund for USF Football and on the executive committee of the Great Achievements – Great Expectations Campaign from 1996-2001 – a campaign that raised more than $255 million in support of USF’s academic priorities. In 1981, he was presented the USF President’s Distinguished Citizen Award and he received the Alumni Association’s Class of ’56 Award in 1986. In 2005, Frank received an Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters from USF.

Along with his wife Carol, Mr. Morsani’s previous philanthropy to USF includes a gift to the USF Health Center for Advanced Healthcare as well as a lecture series, scholarships and support for research and programs in many areas including the Honors College, the College of Visual and Performing Arts, the College of Arts and Sciences, the College of Business Administration, the College of Public Health, Public Broadcasting and USF Athletics. They both have brought honor to the University of South Florida through their achievements and humanitarian contributions.

A native of Michigan and a graduate of Oklahoma State University, Mr. and Mrs. Morsani have resided in the Tampa area since 1970. They have two married daughters, Leanne Morsani Rowe and Suzanne Morsani Anderson, and two grandchildren.

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CAROL MORSANI

Deeply embedded in the community and passionate about serving her fellow citizens, Carol D. Morsani is one the Tampa Bay area’s most beloved and well-known philanthropists and community leaders.

Mrs. Morsani has been described as a remarkable leader who can invoke selflessness and passion in those she encounters. She is the director of the Frank and Carol Morsani Foundation, Inc., which supports education, the arts and healthcare, along with numerous other programs benefiting the community. She is a former board member of Channel 10, the Tampa Museum of Art, the Florida Orchestra and the Salvador Dali Museum and a former president of the American Heart Association’s Hearts of Gold.

She has made such a significant impact to the arts community in Tampa Bay that she was named the Cultural Contributor of the Year in 2002 by the Tampa Chamber of Commerce. The Tampa Bay Performing Arts Center has named the Carol Morsani Festival Hall in her honor. Nearly every major philanthropic board in the Tampa Bay area has benefited from Mrs. Morsani’s service and generosity.

With her husband Frank, Mrs. Morsani’s significant philanthropy to USF includes a gift to the USF Health Center for Advanced Healthcare as well as a lecture series, scholarships and support for research and programs in many areas including the Honors College, the College of Visual and Performing Arts, the College of Arts and Sciences, the College of Business Administration, the College of Public Health, Public Broadcasting and USF Athletics. Mrs. Morsani recently agreed to chair the USF Women in Leadership & Philanthropy Program at USF, a new program that educates, trains and empowers women within the university and the community to engage in leadership and philanthropy. In 2005, Carol Morsani received an Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters from USF.

A native of Oklahoma, she and her husband have resided in the Tampa area since 1970. They have two married daughters, Leanne Morsani Rowe and Suzanne Morsani Anderson, and two grandchildren.

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USF Athletics District

Frank Morsani made his first gift to USF Athletics in 1978, dedicated to men’s tennis. The basketball program was only eight years old at that time, football wasn’t even on the horizon, women’s athletics were not yet part of the NCAA and USF was a Division II program barely more than a decade old. Today, USF Athletics offers a full complement of NCAA Division I programs and is affiliated with one of the nation’s power conferences, the BIG EAST. Frank and Carol Morsani have been there all the way.

When USF needed a leader for its campaign to begin football, Frank Morsani stepped up as chair to work with new USF associate athletics director Lee Roy Selmon. Together they raised the funds necessary to meet the governing body’s (Board of Regents) funding requirements. He and Mrs. Morsani personally contributed $500,000 to that effort.

Mr. Morsani testified before the approval committees and helped win approval for the football program. In 2000, Mr. and Mrs. Morsani gave another $750,000 to help build the Athletics Training Center. Today, Mr. and Mrs. Morsani pledge another $3 million to help take the program he helped launch to the next level of maturity. All told, the Morsanis have given nearly $4.5 million in charitable gifts to USF Athletics.

District Details

- In 2005, USF Athletics completed a plan for an Athletics District, featuring new and renovated practice and competition facilities on the southeast quadrant of the Tampa campus. The first step in the plan was the 104,000-square-foot Athletic Training Center.

- In May 2006, USF Athletics announced it had received $2.79 million from the Hillsborough County Commission to complete another facility in our plan: a track and field complex. The $3 million gift announced June 1 from Carol and Frank Morsani provides half of the funding needed to complete two more facilities: a football practice complex and a softball stadium.

- The Frank Morsani Football Practice Complex will consist of three 100-yard grass fields and a 100-yard sports turf field that will be part of the track complex. A courtyard at the entry gate will carry Mr. Morsani’s name, as well as the names of other contributing donors who help make the facility a reality.

- The Softball Stadium will be an 800 to 1000-seat partially covered structure featuring a press box, television and radio booths, a hospitality suite and other amenities.
Center for Advanced Healthcare

The Carol and Frank Morsani Center for Advanced Healthcare will combine world-class health care with unique team-building among students from medicine, nursing, physical therapy and public health.

The center is designed to become a place where quality, technology and service combine to create a national model of excellence in healthcare that will go with USF students as they leave the university to practice medicine as professionals.

“To create such a model for education, the center must provide an unparalleled patient experience by partnering with the patient,” said Dr. Stephen Klasko, dean of the College of Medicine and vice president for USF Health. “We will now create future healthcare leaders in a model that the rest of the country can come and look at and say, ‘so, this is how you deliver healthcare services.’”

USF’s vision to build a nationally prominent delivery system for how healthcare changes received initial funding from the State of Florida ($27 million for this building). In addition, the USF physicians obtained a bond, and community support is bringing the total investment to $64 million.

In the last two months, construction started on this building as well as a second building, USF Health-South, located adjacent to Tampa General Hospital.

Center Details

- Six-story structure, 194,400 gross square feet located on the northeast corner of West Holly and Magnolia, a primary entry point to the USF Health quadrant of campus

- It will initially house the following major components within the first three floors:
  * Imaging center, including computed tomography, MRI, and Ultrasound technology;
  * Ambulatory surgery/procedure center, including four operating rooms and two endoscopy suites, with the ability to add an additional four operating rooms and three additional endoscopy suites;
  * Outpatient facilities, including 60 clinic exam rooms;
  * Patient support areas and patient administrative services;
  * Patient outreach and education center; and
  * Pharmacy.

- Design Firm
  * National health care and education design firm NBBJ, Columbus, Ohio

- Architects: Alfonso Architects, Tampa, Florida

- Construction Manager: Ajax Building Corporation