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THE STORY OF  
THE CHARLES AND DEVON  
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Each of us, Chuck and Devon, grew up in families who taught the values of learning, of academic performance, of contributions to community, of service to others, and of educating ourselves to further future generations of contributing individuals.

We engaged in those pursuits during our K-12, particularly 9-12, educational years, fully anticipating a college education to prepare us for our future careers and contributions. Each of us was confronted with the reality that college was not an affordable option when the time to pursue higher education became real.

Fortunately, we each, in different ways, were afforded the benefits of academic/athletic financial scholarships to provide access to college educational opportunities. Our college education and the access those accomplishments gave us to careers and contributions to children and community are a combined 80+ years of high satisfaction.

Chuck and Devon talked many times of the incredibly positive impact the Claremont Unified School District had upon our lives. Of our careers, we said often that we didn't WORK; we EXPERIENCED. We never felt STRESS; we met CHALLENGES.

As we considered the ways we could show appreciation of the gifts of, together, more than eighty years of experiences and challenges, we added the incredible educational voyage Devon had attending the Claremont schools grades 2-12, culminating with being awarded full academic scholarships to schools of her choice. Chuck's experience growing up in Yorba Linda was quite similar with his being awarded hard-earned academic/athletic scholarships. Without the outstanding educational experiences Chuck and Devon each had K-12, we could not have received the incredible academic training of our university years which provided us the tools to make career-long contributions to the Claremont Unified School District. Full Circle!

In creating the Charles and Devon Freitas Scholarship Fund, we are hoping to bring the commitment to academic/athletic excellence, contribution to community, service to others, and furthering future generations to excellence many times FULL CIRCLE!