

# Biographical Description for The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History with Charles Clifton Andrews, Jr.

PERSON

Andrews, Charles, 1939-

**Alternative Names:** Charles Clifton Andrews, Jr.;

**Life Dates:** December 16, 1939-

**Place of Birth:** San Antonio, Texas, USA

**Residence:** San Antonio, TX

**Occupations:** Radio Host

## Biographical Note

Radio executive Charles Andrews was born on December 16, 1939 in San Antonio, Texas to Smithie Sutton Andrews and Dr. Charles Andrews, Sr. He attended Grant Elementary School in San Antonio, and graduated from Lowell High School in San Francisco, California. He went on to become a pre-med major at Lincoln University in Pennsylvania, graduating in 1963. Andrews also completed graduate coursework at University of the Incarnate Word in San Antonio and Harvard Business School in Boston, Massachusetts.

Upon his graduation from Lincoln University in 1963, Andrews was hired as an archivist for Bexar County, Texas. In 1964, he secured a position as a lab technician at the School of Aerospace Medicine at Brooks Air Force Base, and was later promoted to physiological training officer. From 1968 to 1970, Andrews worked as an insurance agent for Lincoln National Life Insurance. In 1975, he founded Andrews and Associates, a consulting firm that worked with housing authorities and Model Cities Programs across the country. From 1979 to 1989, Andrews was the president and CEO of Andrews Brothers Incorporated, an ocean transportation company. In 1984, Andrews became the president of Inner City Broadcasting Corporation, which was founded by his uncles Percy Sutton and Oliver Sutton. Andrews oversaw the radio station's transition from AM to FM cast in 1988. In 1997, he served as the secretary on the board of Africom, a telecommunications company founded by Gregory Brown, Prentiss Yancy, and Andrews. He was also president of the production company Entermercial, Inc., that produced entertainment based commercials. Andrews served as president of Inner City Broadcasting Corporation until 2000 when the radio station was sold to Clear Channel.

Andrews has received many distinctions including 1993 Man of the Year by the Elks

and the Western Area of The Links, Incorporated. He also served as Chairman of the San Antonio Housing Authority and President of San Antonio Housing Authority Foundation; and on the boards of NOWCASTSA and the Van Courtlandt Foundation.

Andrews and his wife, Thelma Andrews, have two sons, Michael Andrews and Charles Andrews III.

Charles Andrews was interviewed by The HistoryMakers on July 9, 2018.

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