

Elias Weiner, president and founder, The BoaVida Group

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[Elias Weiner](#) began selling mobile homes in 2000, while still a full-time student. One year later, he co-founded [Woodcrest Homes](#), a manufactured-home dealership that specializes in the sale of new and pre-owned mobile homes.

Today he owns several manufactured-housing companies including The BoaVida Group, McDougall Weiner Investments, Cascade Corporate Management and Good Life Communities. **Weiner's** companies combined own and operate 80 mobile home and recreational vehicle parks in California, Oregon, Arizona, Nevada and New Mexico. His properties have an asset value of more than \$300 million.

Age: 39

Education: A.A. in speech communication, Foothill College; one year of classes at University of California Davis

Community service: Weiner is a board member with the [Fellowship of Christian Athletes](#) in Sacramento, which works with hundreds of high school athletes and coaches at 27 area high schools. Weiner raised \$75,000 for FCA Sacramento during the recent Sacramento Capital Cup **golf tournament. He's also involved with Keaton's Child Cancer Alliance, which provides** financial and emotional support for children with cancer and their families, and the Allegiant Giving Center, which serves veterans and students.

Favorite mobile app: "YouVersion Bible app"

I am always fascinated by: "True stories of people's success and failures and how much we can learn from hearing their stories."

If I won the lottery, I would: "I have won the lottery. I was born in the USA."

Most memorable 'aha' moment: "I had a friend who was a Stanford grad while I was going to JC tell me that he thought I was smarter than most of the Stanford kids and that gave me the confidence to achieve beyond people's expectations."