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UPDATE

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OUR VISION

YOU MAKE THE POWER OF YOUNG IDEAS POSSIBLE

Where will the next great ideas come from? Who will provide the insight, inspiration and hard work to create a better tomorrow? The Hunter Brooks Watson Memorial Fund believes young people hold the answers to these questions. Young people are using their talents and passions to find ways to improve the world. Their dreams are of things yet to be seen. While we don't know what tomorrow will bring, we do know that today's youth and their ideas will be propelling the changes to come.

The HBW Memorial Fund invests in young people who have demonstrated talent, experience and passion. The grants you make possible reward innovation and reflect the talents and passions that Hunter Watson brought to his life. They honor his legacy, and provide support for young people who also approach life with powerful ideas. We hope these grants will carry on what Hunter inspired.

OUR COMMITMENT TO YOU

We are deeply honored that you have placed your trust in the Hunter Watson Fund's work. We work hard to make the most of every dollar you donate by using volunteers and keeping overhead costs low. When you give to the Fund, you can give with confidence, knowing that 100% of your gift will propel young people's dreams and help end distracted driving.

Funding Dreams: Update on Your Grants to Young People on St. Vincent

The HBW Memorial Fund Grants are for men and women between the ages of 16 and 25 who have demonstrated passion, creativity and drive for their future. You helped us provide grants to the following individuals.



Grant Recipient:
Donella Power
Area of Interest:
Expanding her Awali brand of unique handmade bags, accessories and apparel in St. Vincent and The Grenadines.

Donella has wanted to be an entrepreneur for as long as she can remember. You are helping her realize her dream with tools to make her Awali brand a household name in St. Vincent and The Grenadines. Her goals include: increasing the quality of her products to enhance their appeal; incorporating her business; and, opening a centrally-located shop to attract customers. It was a tough balance to have a mainstream job while trying to build her business, and Donella recognized that in order to grow her business she must give it her attention full time, which she is now doing.

The HBW Fund Grant will help Donella purchase quality materials and invest in her shop to get it up and running by the end of this year.



Grant Recipient:
Rishi Ramsamooj
Area of Interest:
Obtaining Commercial Pilot's Certificate

Growing up on the small Caribbean island of St. Vincent, Rishi didn't have had the same opportunities to follow his dreams of becoming a pilot that someone from a larger, more affluent place might have enjoyed. But that initial lack of resources was not an obstacle

that Rishi was willing to let limit his dreams. After graduating from St. Vincent & The Grenadines Community College with majors in math, physics and computer science, he made the move to Florida where he is now enrolled at the Epic Flight Academy and is well on his way to earning his private pilot's license. He sees this as the first step toward his final goal of being a commercial pilot. He will be using his grant to continue his flying education toward his commercial license. His goal is to be able to return to St. Vincent, which has recently built a new airport, and to fly for one of the airlines that have been expanding their services and their need for pilots there. He also wants to work with young people in St. Vincent who, like Rishi, also have an interest in flying.



Grant Recipient:
Dumona Charles
Area of Interest:
Growing Online Store

Dumona is a woman who is passionate to fulfill her dream of becoming a doctor and has been working hard to make it happen. Now a fourth-year student at All Saints University School of Medicine in the Commonwealth of Dominica, she is well on her way to that goal. But this resident of the Caribbean country of St. Vincent and The Grenadines, who found that the expenses of a medical education were high, has demonstrated strong entrepreneurial skills to help make her

dreams possible. Starting in high school, she began a small business selling baked goods to help pay for her extra courses. In time, she founded an online company to import affordable goods not usually available in St. Vincent. The proceeds of that effort have helped pay some of her student loans, while also enabling her to begin her medical education. Dumona will be using her grant to help expand the services her online store offers, and to employ an assistant so that she will have more time to focus on her medical studies and provide additional income to complete her medical schooling.



Grant Recipient:
Carlon Bute
Area of Interest:
Training in Computers, Robotics And Computer Design

Carlon, a resident of Kingstown, on the Caribbean island of St. Vincent, is passionate about pursuing a career in the computer field. However, coming from a single-parent home, he lacked the resources to pursue his education in computer technology. With his first HBW Fund Grant, Carlon completed one year of college and his aptitude for technology was rewarded with good grades. His renewed HBW Fund Grant will enable him to complete his two-year college program and pursue his dream of starting his own business designing applications, and building computers and web pages.

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To live in a world where our youth may follow their hearts.

YOUR MISSION

The Hunter Brooks Watson Fund seeks out young people who dream of something they are deeply curious and passionate about and gives them the resources to explore that passion. Our goal is to support the young person financially, mentor their journey and give them the chance to change the course of their lives.

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You are Changing Young People's Lives, For Hunter

By Madeleine Bunbury



Madeleine Bunbury, member of the founders committee and mentor to Dumona Charles (below)

I knew Hunter Watson all my life. We were friends as children, always playing games in the pool. We also played a lot of tennis and Hunter always beat me. I remember one year, as teenagers, we stayed up all night on New Year's Eve to watch the sunrise from Macaroni beach. We got into big trouble from our parents, but it was worth it!

When I learned of his death it felt like my heart broke. I knew the world had just lost a truly special person. Hunter was always interested in every person

he met. He bent over backwards to make people feel welcome. He brought people together—through music, conversation and laughter.

So, now, it is fitting that he is continuing to bring so many of us together around a common purpose—the Hunter Watson Memorial Fund. It has been one of the great privileges of my life to serve on the Fund's Founders Committee. I also provide mentoring and support to some of the grantees from Saint Vincent, including Dumona, whose dream is to be an entrepreneur and a doctor and Rishi, who received a grant to pursue his pilot's license.

To all the donors who have supported the Fund, please know this: The young people you are investing in are amazing and they are deeply grateful. Without you, they would have big dreams, but would likely never

have the resources to reach for those dreams. Through your donations, you are changing lives and investing in the promise of tomorrow.

I will always regret that I cannot watch another sunrise with Hunter. But he is with me in my heart and I know he is really proud of what you and I are doing to invest in the energy and passion of young people.

Madeleine Bunbury is an emerging equestrian artist with a studio in Dorset, England. She grew up on the Island of Mustique where Hunter's family vacationed each year. As they grew up together, Madeleine became one of Hunter's closest friends. She is a member of the Hunter Watson Memorial Fund Founders Committee.

Meet Your Grantee: Dumona Charles

Entrepreneur and Future Doctor



Dumona Charles is a Hunter Watson Memorial Fund grantee from Saint Vincent.

Chances are, spending a day with Dumona Charles would make you feel a bit tired. You see, this young woman is running her own business, employing members of her community, supporting a local charity and going to medical school. She was the recipient of a grant from the Hunter Watson Fund in 2018.

Born and raised in Saint Vincent and the Grenadines—an island country in the West Indies—

Dumona has dreamed of being a doctor since she was eight-years-old. A lot of young people would be discouraged by the high cost of medical school... but not Dumona. She decided to start an online business and is using the profits to pay for her classes.

Now, in her fifth year of medical school, she's also managing her growing online business. Her business is named Miscellaneous and sells watches, trinkets, swimwear, clothing and more. To manage her success, she has hired her first employee, a young man who is attending nursing school while working to support his extended family of seven.

Here's what the Hunter Watson Fund grant means to Dumona, in her own words:

The grant I received from the "Hunter Watson Memorial Fund is such a boost of confidence for me. It tells me I'm on the right track and it has allowed me to expand my business and give back to my community by creating opportunities for employment.

Even though Saint Vincent is a small country, there are people here who have good ideas for the world. I want to help our people. And, ten years from now, I will be practicing family or emergency medicine on the island. And, I will have a lovely store in downtown Kingstown. I hope all the kind people who supported the Hunter Watson Fund will come to visit and stop by to say hello. I hope they know how much of a difference they are making."

It All Began with 20 Young Friends from the US, UK, France, Italy and Mustique

On June 18, 2016, Hunter Watson's promising life was abruptly and tragically ended when he was fatally injured as a passenger in an automobile collision.

In the months following Hunter's death, his family and friends and the communities in which he was nurtured, including Mustique Island, all searched for a way to continue his presence and ideals. The

Hunter Brooks Watson Fund was founded as a result and is the realization of his family's and his communities' desire to celebrate his life and interests.

The Fund aims to keep Hunter's insatiable energy and optimism alive by giving grants to help young people's involvement in the fields of performing arts, music, computer science and entrepreneurship. The fund is unique in that

it provides financial assistance for projects of their own choosing.

A Founders Committee was set up and today this Committee of 20 young men and women have organized themselves into various working groups and are holding regular meetings, via Skype, of course, since most live throughout the US, England, Italy, France, and Mustique. This group moves

the HBW Fund programs forward, including fundraising efforts, grant application evaluations and the awarding of grants.

Memories of Hunter's spirit, interests and love will always remain with his family, but it is so gratifying to see how many people his life touched, and to see the good things that are being accomplished in his memory.

How HBW Memorial Fund Grants Are Selected

It might seem a relatively easy process for the Hunter Brooks Watson Memorial Fund to award grants to deserving individuals. An application is submitted, the application is reviewed and the grantee is sent a check.

The Committee wishes it were that simple.

The HBW Memorial Fund has been established to provide support to young people, between 16 and 25 years old, who have innovative ideas for projects within the Fund's areas of interest. And while the

application is long and detailed, it still was a difficult evaluation task for the 20 volunteers who review each of the applications.

The simple reason for that is that most of the applications are proposing truly new, often innovative ideas; ideas about which they are excited and passionate, but which can be difficult to measure while still only in the idea stage. To help accomplish that, the application consists of mostly essay type questions that give the reviewers a chance to feel

the applicant's passion. Since each reviewer brings different areas of interests, experience and expertise to the evaluation process the scores are totaled to give an overall score that can be compared with other applications.

After a grant is approved, a careful follow-up procedure takes place. Each grantee is assigned a mentor, with whom they check in regularly, reporting on progress and problems. There is also a careful monitoring of how the awarded money compares with the

original budget.

If there are more applications approved than funds available we ask for a 2-minute video made on their cell phones to further measure the passion of the applicant, so the limited resources go to the best possible project.

The grants awarded clearly have gone to deserving individuals. And it is already clear that the next round of applications will be much larger and just as challenging to evaluate. We are looking forward to that.

You Can Help Save Lives In St. Vincent and the Grenadines - Join the Fight Against Distracted Driving



Wrist bands like this help remind students of their pledge.

Every year thousands of lives, like Hunter's, are lost

as a result of fatal automobile crashes. Teens and young adults are the largest age group involved in distracted driving accidents. Texting and cell phones are suspected as major causes. But eating, socializing while driving and even putting on make-up are also causes of distracted driving.

The HBW Fund has launched several distracted driving

campaigns on campuses in the US where students sign pledges not to drive distracted and receive a free wristband in return. Studies have shown that signing a written pledge results in a 47% better chance of changing behavior than any other incentive.

We hope to expand this campaign to St. Vincent this year by providing, free of charge,

posters, pledge forms, wristbands and "I Pledged" stickers to young people signing pledge forms.

You can help us with these supplies for St. Vincent by including a special donation using the donation coupon in this newsletter.

We are an all volunteer organization, so every penny you give will go to this effort.

Meet The Founders Committee

 Indicates those with a long and close connection with Mustique.

Each member of the Founders Committee was a close friend of Hunter Watson. Their encouragement led the Watson family to establish the Hunter Watson Memorial Fund. At first, the family thought this group of college-age students would award financial aid scholarships to students, but when they met for the first time it became clear they had something more unique in mind. They wanted to support young people's creativity, helping them explore their passions and pursue their dreams. Two years later, the committee has reviewed and graded dozens of applications and identified more than 20 such dreamers who could not have explored their dreams without financial assistance. Each of our grantees is also being "mentored" by one of the Founders listed below.



 **Luigi Ambrosi**
(Milan, Italy):

2017 graduate of Georgetown University with a degree in Business Management and Anthropology. Hunter and Luigi became childhood friends sharing holidays together on the island of Mustique. Luigi's fondest memories are from playing together on the beach to the time Hunter wanted Luigi to be the manager of his Blackout Band and on to discovering the world of girls with Hunter, while being gentlemen of course. Luigi has been important to developing support for our grants program to help aspiring musicians and students in the West Indies. Now studying for his GMAT in New York City.



Abigail Breslin
(Hollywood, CA):

Oscar Nominated Actress and singer/song writer. Abigail became a close friend after: collaborating with Hunter's brother Teddy Watson on musical recordings and performances. She encouraged Hunter's interests in rap music, acting and comedy.



 **Madeleine Bunbury**
(Gillingham Dorset, UK):

Madeleine, an emerging young artist, grew up on the Island of Mustique, the daughter of the Island's doctor. Hunter's family vacationed on the Island each year since Hunter was born and Madeleine became one of his closest friends as they grew up together. Now based in Gillingham Dorset, UK, Madeleine has an established career in fine arts and is internationally in demand for her talent for capturing the beauty of horses. Madeleine manages the Fund's program to mentor grant winners from St.Vincent.



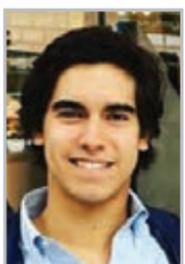
 **Liam Catto**
(Boulder, CO):

Senior at the University of Colorado studying Business and Advertising. Liam was part of a close-knit group in high school often known as the "Band of Brothers". But rather than becoming a "clique", they became a self-appointed welcoming committee for all students to make sure they felt included in the community they loved. And, they made sure their other classmates didn't take the pressure of an intense academic environment too seriously.



Forrest Crane
(Washington, DC):

2018 graduate University of Kentucky studying Political Science and Business Management. Another member of Hunter's "Band of Brothers" who loved Hunter and always joined him in suppressing the pressures of academic life as much as possible. Forrest is now continuing his studies at the University of Kentucky and working.



 **Chris Dale**
(Washington, DC):

2017 graduate of the University of Virginia with a degree in History. Hunter and Chris became friends at a young age and stayed close over the years as they vacationed together on Mustique and both went to Potomac School. Even though they were a year apart, they remained close and bonded over sports, going out and a generally adventurous attitude that would sometimes get them in trouble. Now working with Marcus and Millchap in Washington, D.C.



 **Yannick Della Shavia**
(Santa Monica, CA):

2017 graduate of Georgetown University with a degree in Operations and Information Management. Hunter and Yannick were close childhood friends from vacationing on the island of Mustique. Yannick's fondest memories of his childhood in Mustique were the days he spent hanging out playing video games with Hunter and Matt (Salutillo). Yannick has been important to developing support for our grants program to help students in the West Indies. Now working in management with Anheuser-Busch InBev in Los Angeles, California.



Ilana Dunn
(New York, NY):

2016 Syracuse University graduate now working for Hinge, a start up in NYC. Hunter never knew Ilana but was responsible for saving her life in a near tragic incident at Syracuse. Ilana and her family's gratitude and support for the Fund was so impactful that we asked her to join the Committee and she spearheaded the development of our sophisticated Grants Application.



 **Zack Green**
(New York, NY):

2017 graduate of the University of Michigan where he studied political science. Hunter and Zack became close friends while vacationing on the island of Mustique. The friendship formed between Hunter, Zack, and board member Hannah Kliot was forged through childhood adventures in the Caribbean and maintained through contact in the States. Hunter's innate confidence and humor. Now working with First Access Entertainment on a documentary that is set to a feature film!



Hanna Horvath
(New York, NY):

2018 graduate of Syracuse University in news and online journalism. Hanna first met Hunter in high school, and followed him to Syracuse where they remained great friends. Hanna is now working as a financial reporter for a tech startup in New York City.



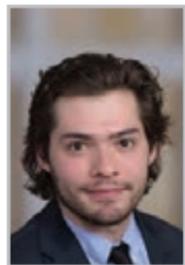
 **Matt Kimm**
(Austin, TX):

Graduate of the University of Texas at Austin with a degree in Advertising and a minor in Business. Matt works in digital marketing and also works as a electronic musician on the weekends.



 **Hannah Kliot**
(New York, NY):

CNBC Associate Producer and 2017 graduate of Northwestern University, where she studied broadcast journalism. Hannah, from New York City, and Hunter met on vacation in the 8th grade and were close friends from that moment on. He adored her family and always tried to see them when he visited NYC.



Matthieu Menand
(Tracy, CA):

Arriving on campus from France not knowing what to expect from a campus environment far away from his beautiful hometown of Senlis, he walked into the dorm and there was Hunter with his big handshake, smile and warm welcome, knowing "just a little" French and so they immediately became close friends. Matthieu never looked back and attributes his love for Syracuse to Hunter. Now working with Amazon in California.



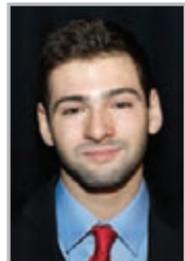
Jordan Parent
(Blacksburg, VA):

Junior at Virginia Tech studying Computer Science and Cyber Security. Jordan met Hunter in 2014 at a concert and bonded over their passions for music, the tech world, and the enjoyment they felt while spending time together. Instantly they began a loving and adventurous relationship that continued for the last two years of Hunter's life.



Mark Ramsey
(Charlottesville, VA):

Senior at The University of Virginia studying Economics, Entrepreneurship, and Classical Studies. Mark, who gave a moving speech at Hunter's memorial service, met Hunter in Kindergarten and says they became close friends during their sophomore year of high school. Mark and Hunter had so much in common that many thought they would eventually end up in business together. They shared the same enthusiasm for discussing new ideas, studying the disruptive technologies of tomorrow, traveling, and most importantly, forging lifelong friendships. Mark says he fondly remembers Hunter for his wide-ranging obsession with music, which in turn introduced Mark to some of his favorite genres.



Jason Reif
(New York, NY):

2018 graduate of Syracuse University with degrees in Finance, Accounting and Information Management & Technology. Freshman year floor-mate with Hunter at Syracuse. Jason was one of the brightest friends Hunter ever had and it was Jason's intellect and curiosity that inspired Hunter to focus on his grades and want to achieve academically. In Hunter's last year when we would FaceTime Hunter we would always see Jason next to him, working on a class assignment. Now working with NBC in New York City.

Meet The Founders Committee

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Matt Salutillo
(Fairfax, VA):

2017 graduate of Penn State University with a degree in Art and Architecture. Matthew and Hunter have been friends since the day they were born. Matthew went just about everywhere with Hunter and they were as close as brothers. Following graduation, Matthew joined an international volunteer organization to help kids with special needs in Vietnam and is now with Lansdowne Resort as an events manager.



Will Snape
(New York, NY):

2018 graduate of Trinity College majoring in Urban Studies. Will said that throughout high school he would try everything he could to be placed in as many classes with Hunter as he could. He said Hunter's personality brought enthusiasm and a lightheartedness to campus life that made him look forward to going to school in the morning. Now working with Darktrace, a cyber security firm in New York City.



Connor Sweeney
(Great Falls, VA)

2017 graduate of Gettysburg College in Pennsylvania majoring in Economics and minoring in Business. When Connor entered Potomac in 7th grade Hunter became his mentor to get him acquainted with the new school. At first he deeply missed the friends he had left behind but Hunter quickly made him fall in love with Potomac. This led to a longtime friendship with Hunter and his friends, who are his best friends to this day. Connor says Hunter was the center of attention at Potomac and brought a special energy to everyday school life that made learning easier at such a challenging school. Now working as a Mobile Application Consultant at GoCanvas in Reston, VA.



Teddy Watson
(New York, NY)

Hunter's older brother. 2016 graduate of New York University with a degree in Computer Science. Recently returned from an internship in Tokyo with a technology startup specializing in Virtual Reality technology and is now enrolled in the MBA program at Stern School of Business in New York City.

Looking for Enthusiastic, Passionate Young People.



5th Round HBW Fund Grants are now open for those age 16 to 25.

Deadline is Nov 15, 2019.
Applications available at:
www.hunterwatson.org

The Hunter Watson Memorial Fund is a tax exempt Section 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization which was formed to award grants and scholarships to promising students and promotes programs to improve of the safety of our young people.



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Alan Green, Father of Committee Member Zack Green.

INTERVIEW WITH ALAN GREEN

1. How did you learn about the HBW grants program for Mustique and what inspired you to support it?

We have a personal connection to the Watson family, having first met on Mustique and have been friends for almost 20 years. During our vacations there our son, Zack, grew up with Hunter. As parents, we had empathy for what they were going through. We were aware of the family's desire to create a lasting memorial to Hunter and to support innovative young people on St. Vincent, and we wanted to support their efforts.

2. What sets the HBW Fund apart from other charities you know or support?

I know how my gift is used, and this is gratifying for a donor. I met one of the grantees, who expressed gratitude for the financial support and eloquently described the grant's impact on his life. This personalized the organization, putting a human face on its mission. Intimacy was forged through the presentation by the grantees, and that had a positive impact on my relationship with this charity.

3. How does support for the HBW Fund fit into your philanthropic goals?

Most of my philanthropy is based on my being "touched by a cause". This cause resonated with me because of how it helps young people on St. Vincent "kickstart" their lives, and because it has a deep personal aspect.

4. Do you think the HBW Fund is using your gift wisely?

Jerry explained how efficiently this organization operates and how low they keep their costs. As a donor, it seems to me that nearly all of my gift goes toward the mission, and I applaud that. Charitable efficiency should matter to every donor; it is an important message that should be emphatically communicated to potential donors.

5. Will you continue to support the HBW Fund and if so, why and if not, why not?

Yes, definitely.

6. If you think it's important for the HBW Fund to grow and expand the reach of its work, how could/would you be willing to help that effort?

There is a beauty to the size of this organization in its present form. But, the most touching memorial of all would be for this program to grow organically and involve young people in more areas. In doing so, this charity could take flight and help many more people, all in the name of Hunter Watson. In other words, if other young people were to say, "why not here, why not us? we can do this, too", the impact of this organization could be without boundaries.

HUNTER WATSON REMEMBERED ON MUSTIQUE MEMORIAL WALL



Located at the Bamboo Church, the Mustique Memorial Wall honors the memory of Island homeowners. Hunter has been a part of the Island from the time he was born until when he lost his life at only age 20, as a passenger in an automobile accident.

The Memorial Wall established by former Managing Director, the Honorable Brian Alexander and designed by Arne Hasselqvist, the Mustique Memorial Wall remembers those shown above.

MAILBOX

The Piedrahita family is thrilled to be able to continue to support the wonderful initiatives of the Hunter Watson Memorial Fund.

C.P.

It is inspiring to see what a success this is already. We are so humbled to be a supporter and will keep you all in our prayers as you review the grant applications and make decisions. This is the most incredible and meaningful way to celebrate Hunter's life.

B.&T.E.

We were pleased to be able to do our small share to honor Hunter and the scholarship recipients. I will keep you on *the list* for the most worthy of donations. Thank you for this update, and I look forward to each piece of news along the way.

J.K.

I marvel at the wonderful work these young people are doing and how this Fund is helping change their lives, as well as the lives of those who will be awarded grants in Hunter's name. You have turned such heartbreak into something so powerfully positive. That's not only a lesson to all of them, but to all of us. Thank you. We're truly honored to be a small part of this.

S.M.

As members of the Hunter's high school community, we long admired Hunters enthusiasm for life. Thank you for the opportunity to be part of this tribute. It is a privilege to be part of this to honor him.

J.&G.P.

Hunter was certainly an inspiring young man who lived life to the fullest. May we all strive to live life

with as much gusto. He left a legacy of modeling for others how to dare to reach for ones dreams.

S.P.

We will be delighted to send a contribution in honor of Hunter's memory. We really admire what you have done, and look forward to seeing how the students will use their grants.

K.C.

We are happy to support the fund, and glad to hear the program is going so well! We'll look forward to hearing about the students as grants are awarded.

S.&D.P.

I love everything that the fund stands for and intend on sending another donation next year. Looking forward to hearing about the students in the upcoming years that will benefit from the fund.

J.M.

Hunter was certainly an inspiring young man who drank life to the lees. May we all strive to live as fully and with as much gusto. He left a legacy of modeling for others how to dare to reach for ones dream.

S.P.

It is lovely to see our young adults from Mustique involved in such a wonderful thing.

L.B.

It's so nice to see Hunters zest for life carried on in his friends and the recipients of the award. Great to see this terrific program by Hunters friends and family.

S.S.

Thank You For The Difference You're Making

If you sometimes wonder if the support you've given to the HBW Memorial Fund has made a difference, the answer is in the responses we've received from our grant winners. You may have never personally met any of these innovative young people, but your generosity has helped each of them turn their dreams and passions into reality.

We wish there was a way for each of these innovative young people to be able to thank you directly for helping them move forward in projects that mean a great deal to them, and that just may have a significant impact on our world.

You may not know a great deal about computer technology and robotics, but one of the grants you've helped fund is enabling a young man from an impoverished background to further his studies and research in that area, research that may affect us all in the future.

You may not have earned a commercial pilot's license, participated in a conference on international relations and conflict resolution,

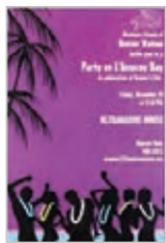
or established a charity to support research and education for people suffering traumatic brain injuries, but the grants you have helped fund have enabled our innovative young grantees to do those things and so much more.

You may never have met Hunter Watson in his too-short life but his tragic death as a passenger in an automobile accident did not end the love so many people had for him, or the admiration for his talents and passions in so many areas.

The HBW Memorial Fund Grants Program was established to carry on Hunter's legacy and his interests. The support you have given, and we hope continue to give, is making that possible.

So, please accept our thanks to you from the Fund and the young people you have helped support. When you write that check, or make that credit card donation, please know that you and your gifts really are making a difference.

Mustique Event Celebrates Hunter's Life and Makes Grants Possible for Local Youth



Hunter's Friends on the Founders Committee held an island-wide party in memory of Hunter on the island of Mustique over the 2017 holiday break. Hunter's parents hosted the party so that 100% of all proceeds would go to the Fund.

More than 250 attended the gala event and raised money to fund grants for students living in the West Indies. Already, young people with a passionate interest in something they

could not afford to pursue are benefiting from the program.

Growing up, Hunter and many of his friends who are new on the Founders Committee visited the Island annually and four of the members have a close family connection to the area. The support of many homeowners and annual visitors has been critical to making it possible to fund grants to the amazing young people of the West Indies. All donations received from Mustique are dedicated to these young people to help them achieve their dreams.

MUSTIQUE SUPPORTERS

- Bryan Adams
- Brian and Johanna Alexander
- Jose Alvarez
- Jose Miguel Alvarez
- Violeta Alvarez
- Luigi Ambrosi
- Beppe and Daniella Ambrosi
- Tiqui Atencio
- Andrew and Julie Austin
- Jason Beckman
- Philip Bermingham
- Joanne Billingly
- Renee La Bran and Malcolm Boyd
- Jenny and John Brinkley
- Madeleine Bunbury
- Lotty and Micheal Bunbury
- Jemima Bunbury
- Jeannette Cadet
- Joan Carlisle-Irving
- Liam Catto
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The inspiration and our mission come from Hunter himself. He was a young man of extremely diverse talents and interests. Wherever he went, whatever he did, he brought a spark and a smile and a contagious energy that inspired those around him.

And while his life was too short, and the hurt that those who loved him feel will never fully heal, there is a peace that comes from knowing that Hunter succeeded in *getting the most out of every day he lived*:

As a boy and a young man ... Hunter lit up the lives of his mother, Judy, his father, Jerry, his older brother, Teddy, and all his extended family.

As a friend ... Hunter cultivated deep and lasting relationships and will never be forgotten by those who knew him best.

As an athlete ... Hunter loved baseball, soccer, football and wrestling, excelling as an individual while always striving to lift up his teammates.

As a musician ... Hunter formed his first band at age 10 and never stopped loving, playing and performing music. (You can watch a video of Hunter's Black Out Band playing their song "Video Games" on YouTube.)

As a student ... Hunter graduated from Potomac School, enrolled at Syracuse University and joined Phi Kappa Psi, learning and growing and making new friends each year — while never forgetting his old ones.

As an entrepreneur ... Hunter worked with area nightclubs to encourage teens-only, no-alcohol nights which he then managed and promoted. He was also beginning work on his own technology-based business.

As a person ... there will never be another Hunter. While he had many interests, he was one-of-a-kind. Thank you for supporting the Hunter Brooks Watson Memorial Fund, so that young men and women with talent, energy and passion can have a chance to follow their dreams ... *just as Hunter did every day.*

HUNTER STORIES

"THE ISLAND KISS" BY MATT KIMM

Founders Committee Member Matt Kimm first shared this story at Hunter Watson's memorial service on July 9, 2016



It's 7th grade, and I'm in the middle of my none-too-gracious transition from boyhood to adulthood, with a sweet rack of braces and thoughtfully placed acne across my face. Hunter and his family, being the ridiculously generous people they are, had invited me to spend spring break with them in Mustique, a beautiful island in the Caribbean. A big topic of discussion on the trip was how I had yet to kiss a girl, unlike the coolest 7th grader of all time, Hunter Watson, who had gotten his first kiss decades ago. On the trip, I met someone special--a beautiful girl with the perfect English accent. I couldn't believe how well my awkward jokes were landing with this girl, and I knew that this was my moment to shine.

And then comes Hunter: my supremely confident, 7th grade rockstar friend. He swoops in, chats her up, then starts speaking in French and swing dancing with my love interest. I can see this girl practically falling in love with him, as many girls have. Feeling betrayed, I emotionally flicked my Bieber-style hair, sat alone on the beach, and played some angsty Green Day off my iPod Touch.

A few minutes later, to my surprise, the same girl meets me on the end of the beach with a smile. She tells me how Hunter spent their dance telling her what an amazing friend I was and what an amazing guy I was in general, with so many accomplishments. I'm fairly certain Hunter fibbed quite a bit, but I didn't care. I flashed my red white and blue braces at her, and I finally got my first kiss, all thanks to my best friend Hunter.

This story may seem silly but I think it encapsulates Hunter. He was a confident, charming, amazing guy who could grind my gears at times, but he also could bring joy to my life in an instant. As tragic as Hunter's death is, I am still so happy that I got to spend the best years of my life with the best friend I will ever know. I will forever cherish the years we shared together, with no regrets.

To Hunter I say, "you lived 20 incredible years, and I am so happy to have spent many of them with you. I love you Hunter, and I miss you so much".