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OUR VISION

YOU MAKE THE POWER OF YOUNG IDEAS POSSIBLE



Hunter Watson

Your generosity has made it possible for Hunter's Fund to support creative young minds whose ideas could impact us in a positive way.

When we lost our son Hunter, my wife Judy and I felt compelled to carry on his spirit of passion and service. That's why we supported this fund - to empower other talented young people to pursue their dreams, just as Hunter did every day.

Six years later, thanks to you, we've provided over 80 grants to youth across America and beyond.

We've also spread awareness about distracted driving to tens of thousands of students throughout the country.

This success comes from your steadfast support. Your donations have ignited sparks in young minds and saved lives on the road. For this, we are deeply thankful.

Please consider renewing your support if able. With your help, we can continue to make a difference in young lives and road safety.

Thank you for your support!

Jerry Watson

OUR COMMITMENT TO YOU

We are deeply honored that you have placed your trust in the work of Hunter's Fund. Our volunteer staff works hard to keep overhead costs low and to make the most of every dollar you donate. When you give to the Fund, you can give with confidence knowing that your gift will propel young people's dreams and help to end distracted driving.

FLYING HIGH

Your support makes music video soar!

A pianist plays on a grand piano situated in a serene field. As the music swells, the piano magically lifts off the ground, soaring through the clouds. The pianist plays passionately, surrounded by breathtaking landscape, as the piano navigates through majestic views—over fields and through bright, sunny skies.



Louis Cardozo

During his incredible flight, the pianist reflects on personal growth, freedom, and the transcendence of music.

This isn't just a wild dream – it's a reality for Louis Cardozo, thanks to your support.

And clearly the sky isn't the limit for Louis, an independent artist with a taste for fast-paced lyrics, stirring pia-



Louis Cardozo and his flying piano in 'Fly' music video.

no and Spanish guitar. His grant from Hunter's Fund and support from donors like you helped a wild idea come to life – a music video featuring Louis playing a flying piano! His hard work recently culminated in the release of

that music video on YouTube.

The video promotes his song, "Fly," which is about Louis's experience of healing and coping with depression.

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Meet the 2024 Spring Grant Winners Made possible with your support!

Natasha Brao, Shooka Sauce

Natasha Brao, creator of Shooka Sauce, has been awarded a grant from Hunter's Fund to support the launch of her cultural food startup. Shooka Sauce celebrates the mixing of global cuisines through creative variations on the classic dish shakshuka.

"When I was learning about Hunter [Watson], his 'why not me?' mentality really resonated with me," Brao says, "because [when] I look at the shelves at the grocery store and I see



Natasha Brao

brands that have made it, I think to myself 'well why can't I achieve that too?'"

In her own words, Brao describes Shooka Sauce as "a CPG (Consumer Packaged Goods) brand that celebrates the mixing and melding of cultural cui-

sines to promote creative, adaptable cooking and bringing new experiences to the modern table."

While shakshuka is rapidly gaining popularity in American restaurants and food media, it remains a relatively unfamiliar dish for most home cooks. Brao hopes Shooka Sauce can help bridge that gap.

"Food is a window into other cultures and is a tool to spark conversations around new experiences, learning, and expanding our palates and minds," Brao stated.

"Shooka Sauce can help bring that mentality and

idea to the modern American table."

An idea in the works since 2019, Brao is currently pursuing her MBA. "It is my passion to share the joys and experiences of food with others through design and entrepreneurship," she said.

"I have decided to start this company during my MBA program to implement lessons hands-on while learning them in the classroom."

We hope you will continue to help us fund young entrepreneurs like Natasha Brao.

MORE GRANT WINNERS ON PAGE 2

You can support these Young Entrepreneurs and Safe Driving Campaigns at: www.hunterwatson.org/donate

High school student Finnley Webber encourages conservation

Aspiring wildlife conservationist Finnley Webber, a student of Da Vinci Schools, Los Angeles, has received a grant from Hunter's Fund to support the development and launch of her WILDLIFE ID app. This interactive educational tool aims to bridge the gap between technology and the natural world, fostering a love for wildlife conservation in a fun and engaging way.

Webber's passion for nature began during her Los Angeles upbringing. "I've always had a big love of nature," she explains. "I believe that wildlife conservation is about saving



Finnley Webber

the whole planet, the balance the dependence of everything needed for life to thrive, and on one another for survival."

"I am incredibly excited about this opportunity to help me complete my Wildlife conservation app."

WILDLIFE ID draws inspiration from popular location-based games, but with a critical twist. "Imagine an app that operates much like 'PokemonGo,'" Webber explains, "but instead of chasing imaginary creatures, users seek out and 'capture' real-world animals."

The app encourages users to venture outdoors, docu-

ment their wildlife encounters through photos, and then delve into an engaging educational experience within the app itself.

Webber plans to utilize the grant to secure expert assistance in the app's development and ensure its successful launch on both the iOS and Android app stores.

With a keen eye towards the future, Webber is completing high school and aiming to pursue a degree in wildlife conservation.

We hope you will continue to help us fund young conservationists like Finnley Webber.

Thomas Montfort, Artificial Intelligence

Thomas Montfort, a rising entrepreneur and computer science student, has been awarded a grant from Hunter's Fund. Montfort will use the grant to propel Agora Labs, a think tank and incubator he co-founded, towards developing and testing artificial intelligence (AI) software.

Montfort brings a strong background in research and development. He's currently finalizing his academic year while working on a cybersecurity platform for Secwinds, LLC.

Montfort's inspiration for Agora Labs stemmed from his own experience and struggles as a student. "As a student looking to train my own AI model, I was unable to obtain the necessary compute from centralized cloud providers like AWS, immediately disqualifying me from doing any AI research," Montfort says. "This led me to founding Agora Labs with two of my best friends. I serve as the CTO. Our COO is Ishan Dhanani, a Masters CS student at Columbia. Our CEO is An-



Thomas Montfort

"I'm honored to be selected as a winner for Hunter's Grant. This truly means a lot to me and my company, Agora Labs."

ish Madipotti, an Honors Student at the University of Texas at Austin."

Together, the trio aims to bridge the gap in accessibility for aspiring AI developers.

Montfort's passion for Agora Labs is evident. "Every new user that joins our platform gives me this warm feeling, because I know I'm using my [computer science] knowledge in the classroom and problem-solving skills to help somebody else achieve their goal," he says.

We hope you will continue to help us fund young entrepreneurs like Thomas Montfort.

Amber Palm invents Dash Pouch, a tri-fold vehicle ID wallet

Inventor and driver safety advocate Amber Palm, a student at Bowie State University, has been awarded a grant from Hunter's Fund to further develop her Dash Pouch. This tri-fold car accessory aims to create safer interactions during traffic stops by providing a secure and readily accessible location for essential driver documentation.

"The name of my business is Palm & Creation. The [Dash Pouch] is aimed to create safer interactions between the officer and vehicle operator. In the past, a good deal of incidents could have been prevented if the driver's hands were always visible," Palm says.

The Dash Pouch offers drivers a choice in placement. It can be securely adhered to the dashboard for easy access or attached to the sun visor for an

"I resonate with [Hunter Watson's] resilience, and it fuels my commitment to overcome any obstacle in my path."

adhesive-free option.

Palm is dedicated to her business and her mission.

"I am very passionate about this project and have been working on it for roughly six years now," she said.

"Receiving this grant is not just a milestone for my business, it's an opportunity to create a positive impact on countless lives."

We hope you will continue to help us fund young inventors like Amber Palm.



Amber Palm



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<https://www.hunterwatson.org/donate>

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**HUNTER'S TEAM
SPRING 2024**

OUR VISION

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

OUR MISSION

Hunter's Fund has dual missions in support of young adults. The first is to provide resources to help advance the dreams of passionate, curious young people. The second is to reduce deaths and injuries from distracted driving by increasing awareness among young drivers and gaining their commitment to change.

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FLYING PIANO

From Page 1

"It's a song about triumph despite our lowest moments," Louis says. "[It's] a song you can listen to when everything else has gone wrong.

He recently spoke with us about bringing his ideas to life, his many inspirations, and what he's up to after the release of his music video.

The music video for "Fly" is definitely a family affair. Louis's parents, uncle, and cousins all played integral parts in getting the project off the ground (literally). Brainstorming ideas back in 2021, Louis says his mother suggested a flying piano. His uncle's experience with flying machines made that idea more feasible. "He gave me the confidence," Louis says.

Following the release of his music video, Louis revisited "Fly" with a behind-the-scenes look. After picking up a baby grand piano secondhand, the Cardozo family got to work. With help from his cousins, Louis stripped the heaviest parts from the piano, punched holes in the remaining wood to make it lighter, and welded a steel frame to the outside. A bit of magic with Louis's keyboard brought the piano back to life and in working order for the flight.

Louis says he has a couple of favorite moments in his music video, but one that really sticks out in his mind involves his niece. "My niece, who just happened to be up on the hill - the little blonde girl looking out at the view - was completely unplanned and



Friends ready Louis and his piano for flight.



Watch the video!

Use the QR code or visit:
www.hunterwatson.org/piano-grant

it fit the mood really well."

So what's next? Louis hopes to use the "Fly" music video as a marketing tool to kick off the release of some of his other work. "Six songs in six months," he says, "starting with 'Fly.'"

Hunter's Fund is excited to see all of Louis's hard work pay off. "[Hunter's Grant] opened so many doors," Louis says.

"I heard about you guys through my cousin. She said 'You're the exact person they want to fund.'"

"I read about Hunter and everything on the website you guys stood for," he says,

"[and thought] 'this really fits with everything I like.' I was touched by the whole story. Such an uplifting thing has come from it."

Supporting talented musicians like Louis is what Hunter's Fund is all about. "I feel like it's boosted me so much, and even just when someone believes in your project, that's a nice thing," he says. We're confident that we'll be seeing more of Louis in the future, and we're grateful you helped make his ideas a reality.

"I do want to do another crazy music video," Louis says. "I have a lot of big ideas."



Scenes from the 'Fly' music video.



Forbes recognizes Hunter's Fund grant winners

The 2024 Forbes 30 Under 30 awards have spotlighted the duo of Matt Shumer and Jason Kuperberg, founders of OthersideAI, who got their start at Blackstone LaunchPad. The two entrepreneurs were selected in the highly competitive consumer technology category.

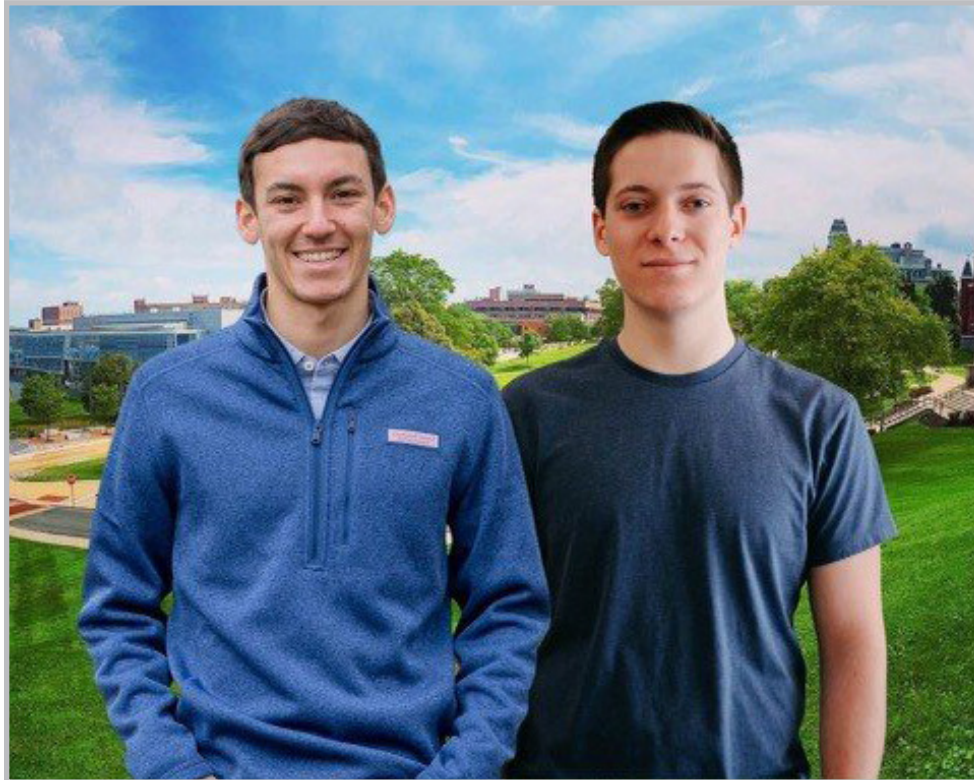
Kuperberg possesses a blend of industrial design, biotechnology, consumer technology and entrepreneurship skills.

A 2017 Hunter Brooks Watson Spirit of Entrepreneurship Award winner, he worked with Matt Goodman to develop a product for the agricultural industry that would conserve water and enhance drip irrigation efficiency for crops. They established "Drop Top," a sustainability startup.

Shumer also holds valuable experience in both entrepreneurship and technology from past projects.

He is a Hunter's Fund grant winner, and used those funds for a next-generation virtual reality headset venture. In conjunction with fellow grant winner Sam Hollander, the pair wanted to create something more advanced and powerful than what was currently on the market for VR technology.

With accessibility for small business-



Jason Kuperberg, left, and Matt Shumer

es in mind, Shumer and Hollander spent months researching and developing a prototype called "Visos." Combining Hunter's Grant with the attention of other investors, the product officially launched.

Their newest journey began during the pandemic when, as participants in the LaunchPad's 2020 SummerStart Accelerator program, Shumer, who was a student in the Whitman School of Management, and Kuperberg, who was a student in the College of Arts and

Sciences, conceptualized and brought to life OthersideAI.

Shumer, CEO of the company, attributes their initial success to the invaluable support of the Blackstone LaunchPad network.

Both are still volunteer entrepreneurs in residence at the LaunchPad and regularly mentor student startups. As students, they were both LaunchPad Global Innovation Fellows and Rubin Family Mentors and winners of various campus student

startup competitions.

Forbes reports that OthersideAI was on track to generate \$1 million in revenue in 2023, indicating a substantial financial milestone for the young startup.

Forbes, known for its prestigious 30 Under 30 awards, selects winners from thousands of online submissions, industry sources and recommendations from alumni.

Shumer and Kuperberg earned their spot through an evaluation process considering factors such as funding, revenue, social impact, scale, innovation and growth potential.

Hunter's Fund is one of the only funding organizations whose mission is to support promising young people with creative ideas that can change lives and who lack the financial resources to pursue them.

Hunter's Fund is excited to see Shumer and Kuperberg combine their skills to create more groundbreaking ideas.

Though they have moved on to new endeavors, they continue to encourage and guide young students who aspire to follow in their footsteps. We are proud of their many accomplishments.

Spring Crossword

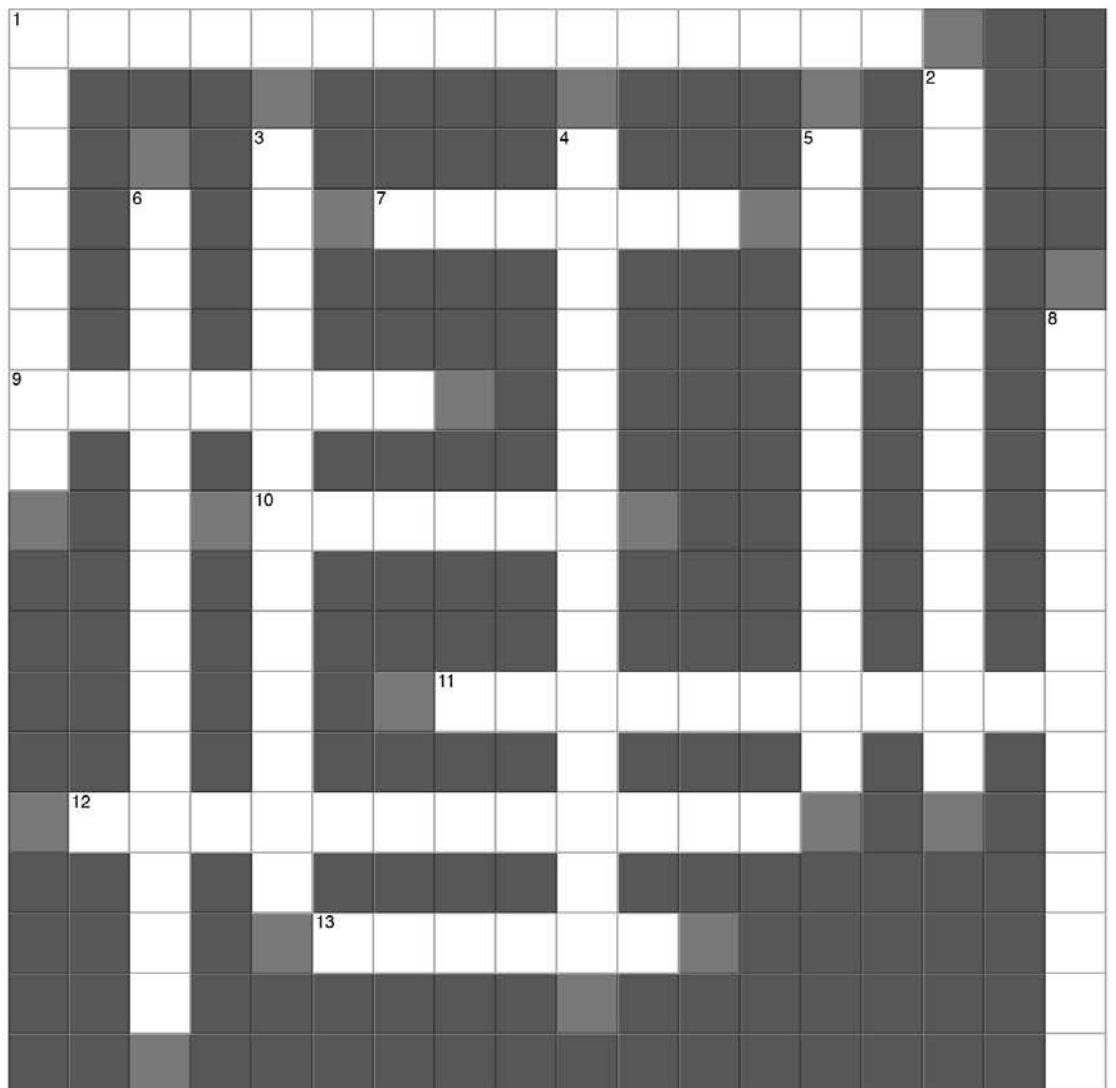
ACROSS

- 1 What did Jackson Hirsh use the Hunter's Fund grant for?
- 7 What kind of products does Tà sell online?
- 9 What kind of product does Tavio grow sustainably? (Two Words)
- 10 What can young people with good ideas get from Hunter's Fund?
- 11 What jewelry company partners with Hunter's Fund for events? (Two Words)
- 12 What is the deadline to apply for a Hunter's Fund grant (2 months)?

- 13 What do drivers sign to promise safe driving?

DOWN

- 1 University where Hunter's Fund's Safe Driving program began
- 2 Hunter's Fund was named after this special person
- 3 You can get a free one of these to plan your future (Two Words)
- 4 Where can you learn about distracted driving?
- 5 Fraternity involved with Safe Driving Week (Three Words)
- 6 Name of Tyo's plant-based recipe book
- 8 What day is a big day for charitable giving? (Two Words)



Across: 1 STUDIOEQUIPMENT, 7 BEAUTY, 9 SEAMOSS, 10 GRANTS, 11 KENDRASCOTT, 12 JUNE15/NOV15, 13 PLEDGE.
Down: 1 SYRACUSE, 2 HUNTERWATSON, 3 WILLORGANIZER, 4 HUNTERSFUNDDORG, 5 PHIKAPPAPSI, 6 FETAGETABOUTT, 8 GIVINGTUESDAY

You can support these Young Entrepreneurs and Safe Driving Campaigns at: www.hunterwatson.org/donate

Founders Committee and Board

Every individual on the Founders Committee held a close bond with Hunter Watson. Their support played a pivotal role in setting up and managing the Hunter Watson Memorial Fund (or Hunter's Fund).



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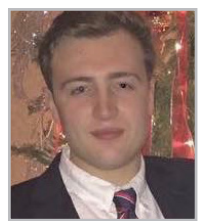
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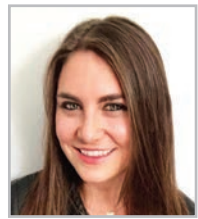
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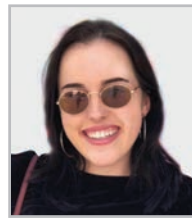
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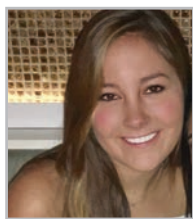
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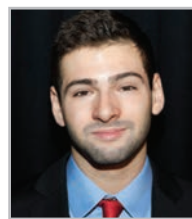
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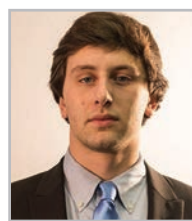
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YOU are changing lives!

More people like you are reading about what your support for Hunter's Fund has accomplished.

Our efforts to end distracted driving and fund the innovative ideas of our young people have changed more lives than ever before.

Hunter's Fund was created as a result of the loss of Hunter Watson, a 20-year-old college student who died in a distracted driving accident

after accepting a ride from a friend.

Tens of thousands of young people are just like Hunter. Our mission is to educate them on the dangers of distracted driving and how only one mistake can forever change the lives of their friends and family.

With our grants program, we provide them with guidance and a glimpse into the promising prospects that lie ahead.

Become a Mentor; make a difference!

Join our community of changemakers:

We are actively searching for enthusiastic volunteers who believe young talent can significantly shape the future.

As a mentor in our program, you will connect with a grant winner whose project aligns with your interests and support them throughout their developmental journey.

Your involvement as a mentor will typically require monthly check-ins with your mentee, during which you will offer feedback and share insights from your own experiences.

Your impact as a mentor goes beyond words:

Grant recipients often report that the guidance they receive from their mentors is as crucial as the financial support provided by the grant.

“Only 30 minutes a month of your time could change a young person’s life.”

Your expert advice elevates their confidence, sharpens their ideas, and equips them to overcome various obstacles.

We invite you to join our vibrant community of changemakers.

By mentoring a young innovator, you will inspire and empower these emerging talents and contribute to shaping a future driven by the innovative ideas of the next generation.


Ready to join us?

Visit www.hunterwatson.org/mentor to learn more and become a Hunter's Fund Mentor today!

THANK YOU to our current mentors:


- Helen Miller, mentoring Finnley Webber
- Sandy Thomas Johnson, mentoring Amber Palm
- Jason Kuperberg (Entrepreneurial Award 2018), mentoring Thomas Montfort
- Carly Danielson (Grant Winner Fall 2021), mentoring Louisa Hygate
- Glenn Miller, mentoring Matt Braxton
- Dylan Gans, mentoring Natasha Brao


BECAUSE OF YOU!



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Grants Awarded





88,000

Safe Driving Pledges Signed

Hunter's Fund Reach Is Amazing

Making you aware of these young people's developments confirms hope for our future.

We depend on your support to continue this mission. Your contributions, however big or small, are

meaningful to these programs.

JOIN US TO CONTINUE MAKING A DIFFERENCE.

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A mother's mission

Kansas Legislature passes 'Levi's Law' after Jill Ward's tragic loss

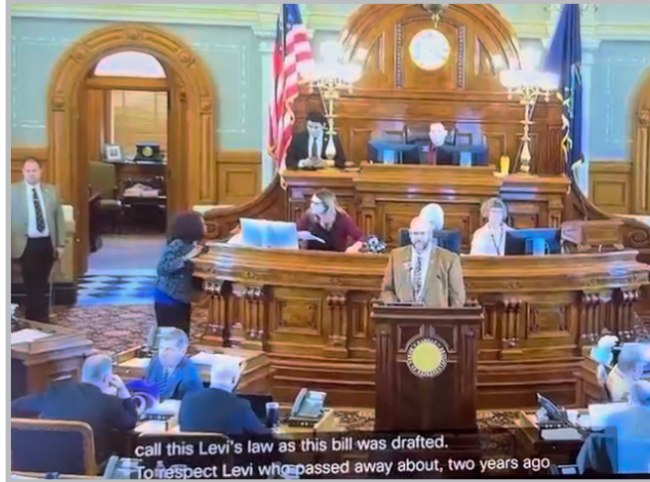
In 2022, Jill Ward endured the loss of her 20-year-old son, Levi Ward, in a hit-and-run accident. Turning her grief into action, Jill petitioned the Kansas legislature to pass "Levi's Law," also known as HB No. 2665. This proposed legislation seeks to increase the penalties for drivers who flee the scene of an accident when there is reason to believe someone has been killed.



Levi Ward

Levi's Phi Kappa Psi fraternity brothers at the University of Kansas have also taken action to honor his memory. Last October, they hosted Safe Driving Week. This annual observance will continue, as Levi's brothers work to keep his legacy alive and support the cause championed by Jill and Hunter's Fund.

Through Levi's Law and Safe Driving Week, Jill Ward



The Kansas Legislature passes "Levi's Law."

and Levi's loved ones hope to enact positive change, working to ensure that no other family has to endure the pain of losing a loved one to a tragic, preventable accident.

Fraternity honors Connor Thomson

In memory of their beloved fraternity brother Connor Thomson, the Colorado Alpha chapter of Phi Kappa Psi at University of Colorado, Boulder held its second annual Safe Driving Week Campaign last October.

Led by Philanthropy Chairman Andrew Kearney, and in partnership with Hunter's Fund, the campaign aimed to raise awareness about the dangers of distracted driving among students on campus. Through a series of events and initiatives, the university community came together to honor Connor's legacy and promote safer driving habits.

Throughout their Safe Driving Week, the philanthropic planning committee orchestrated a variety of events to engage students and encourage them to pledge not to drive distracted. An online event was also held prior to their campaign week, where the philanthropic committee presented their plans for Safe Driving Week to their parents to extend awareness-building efforts.

From Monday's successful burger cookout to Wednesday's Venmo Bingo and Thursday's Dares for Donations, each day of Safe Driving Week brought new opportunities for students to get involved and show support.

The culmination of the week-long campaign was marked by a poignant event where one de-



serving brother was awarded a scholarship in Connor Thomson's memory.

Attended by Connor's family, fraternity members, and alumni, it was a testament to the enduring impact of Connor's legacy.

In total, the campaign succeeded in collecting 1,420 pledges not to drive distracted – including a pledge from the campus mascot, Ralphie the Buffalo! Each pledge represented a commitment to safer roads and a tribute to Connor Thomson's memory. By coming together as a community,

the University of Colorado, Boulder, demonstrated its dedication to preventing future tragedies and promoting responsible driving behaviors.

As they reflect on the success of this year's campaign, the Colorado Alpha chapter looks forward to building upon its achievements and continuing to make strides towards a safer campus and community. Through ongoing education, advocacy, and action, they honor Connor's memory and inspire positive change for generations to come.



Schools hosting
Safe Driving
Weeks

- University of Alabama
- University of Alabama in Huntsville
- Allegheny College
- Ashland University
- Beloit College
- UC Berkeley
- Brandeis University
- Univ. of California Davis
- Cal State Northridge
- Cal State-San Luis Obispo
- Capital University
- Clemson University
- Coe College
- University of Colorado, Boulder
- Cornell University
- University of Dayton
- DePaul University
- Drexel University
- Edinboro University
- Elberto High School
- Emporia State University
- Fairmont State University
- Franklin and Marshall College
- Foley High School
- University of Georgia
- Houston Christian University
- Illinois State University
- Indiana State University
- Iowa State University
- University of Kansas
- University of Kentucky
- Lafayette College
- University of Louisiana- Lafayette
- Lycoming College
- University of Maryland
- Miami University of Ohio
- University of Minnesota, Duluth
- University of Minnesota, Twin Cities
- University of Mississippi
- University of Nebraska
- Northern Illinois University
- University of Oklahoma
- Oregon State University
- University of Oregon
- Penn State University
- University of Pennsylvania
- Purdue University
- Potomac School
- University of Rhode Island
- Saint Joseph's University
- Simpson College
- Southern Illinois University, Edwardsville
- Stanford University
- Stephen F. Austin State University
- SUNY Oneonta
- Syracuse University
- University of Texas
- Texas A&M University
- Texas Tech University
- University of Toledo
- Towson University
- University of Utah
- University of Virginia
- Wabash College
- Washington & Jefferson College
- West Georgia College
- West Point High school
- University of Valparaiso
- York College

OTHER WAYS YOU CAN GIVE

- 1. Retirement Fund Gifts** - Beneficiary designations - Name the Hunter Watson Memorial Fund or any charity you choose to support as an ultimate beneficiary of your IRA, 402(K) or other qualified plan.
- 2. IRA** - Did you know if you are 70 1/2 or older there is a provision that allows you to make cash gifts from your IRA to the Hunter Watson Memorial Fund or any charity you wish without having to pay any taxes that would otherwise be due.
- 3. Securities** - Donating appreciated stock or Mutual Funds is quick and simple and may provide you with significant tax benefits.
- 4. Donor-Advised Funds** - Manage your charitable giving through this convenient, flexible, and most effective alternative to establishing a private foundation.

Make A Lasting Difference

You can help provide for the future of the Hunter's Fund Grants Program by leaving a gift in your will to the Fund. We recommend that you consult with your attorney when drafting a new will, changing an existing will or when creating a living revocable trust, if you wish to include a gift for the Hunter's Fund Grants Program and Safe Driving Program.

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Have you ever helped a frog?

Have you ever helped a frog?

Frogs are independent and never ask for handouts. Yet they are said to be the most grateful and are a symbol of good luck.

In 1896, Hilarie Belloc wrote a poem to teach children about the importance of helping those around them that were trying to create a better world.

The lesson was to show them that the hard workers, volunteers, teachers, parents, grandparents, and most adults around them were frogs.

No one goes out of their way to help a frog, and a frog's hard work often goes unnoticed.

They often go through life without much support or help.

Nonprofits that support puppies, animals, children, or illnesses that hit

close to home tend to receive the most support, which is not surprising, because they are not a frog.

At Hunter's Fund, we are more like the frog.

We collaborate with hard working college students and young adults striving to make their dreams come true and ideas come to life.

The Hunter's Fund Committee, supporters and volunteers do not share their struggles. They often go through hard times that go unnoticed. Yet time and time again they volunteer with us to make a difference.

Anytime you show kindness or lend a helping hand, remember the frog. Thank you again for your support.

Donors like you are extremely rare and appreciated more than you know.

The Frog (1896)

*Be kind and tender to the Frog,
And do not call him names,
As 'Slimy skin,' or 'Polly-wog,'
Or likewise 'Ugly James,'
Or 'Gape-a-grin,' or 'Toad-gone-wrong,'
Or 'Billy Bandy-knees':*

*The Frog is justly sensitive
To epithets like these.
No animal will more repay
A treatment kind and fair;
At least so lonely people say
Who keep a frog (and, by the way,
They are extremely rare).*



Spotlight On: Founders Committee member Will Snape

A close friend of Hunter Watson, Will Snape has said that throughout high school he would try everything he could to be placed in as many classes with Hunter as he could.



Will Snape

look forward to going to school in the morning.

Will is a 2018 graduate of Trinity College, where he majored in Urban Studies.

He is a former editor of the Hunter's Fund newsletter, and currently Vice President at OPEN, a NYSE-backed fund management company.

Distracted Driving Awareness Month observed in April

Each April, communities across the country shine a spotlight on the pressing issue of distracted driving. As our lives become increasingly digital, the temptation to multitask behind the wheel has never been greater. But the consequences can be devastating.

The National Safety Council analysis of National Highway Traffic Safety Administration data finds that more than

3,000 people died in distraction-affected crashes in 2020; that is an average of nearly nine people dying in a distracted driving-related crash every single day on American roads.

Through educational campaigns like Safe Driving Week, Hunter's Fund and its many volunteers are working to curb this epidemic.

But true progress requires a shift in cultural attitudes. Drivers

must recognize that no call, text, or social media update is worth the risk of a catastrophic collision.

By keeping our focus firmly on the road ahead, we can protect ourselves and our loved ones.

Make a commitment today to driving distraction-free. It just might save a life.

1,000,000
CRASHES LAST YEAR
caused by distracted driving.



Hunter Watson and Cody

Many Interests – One of a Kind

At Hunter's Fund you are supporting young men and women of diverse interests and talents, so they can let their passions shine.

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 Hunter's 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.

Introducing the Family and Financial Record Book:

A key resource for future planning

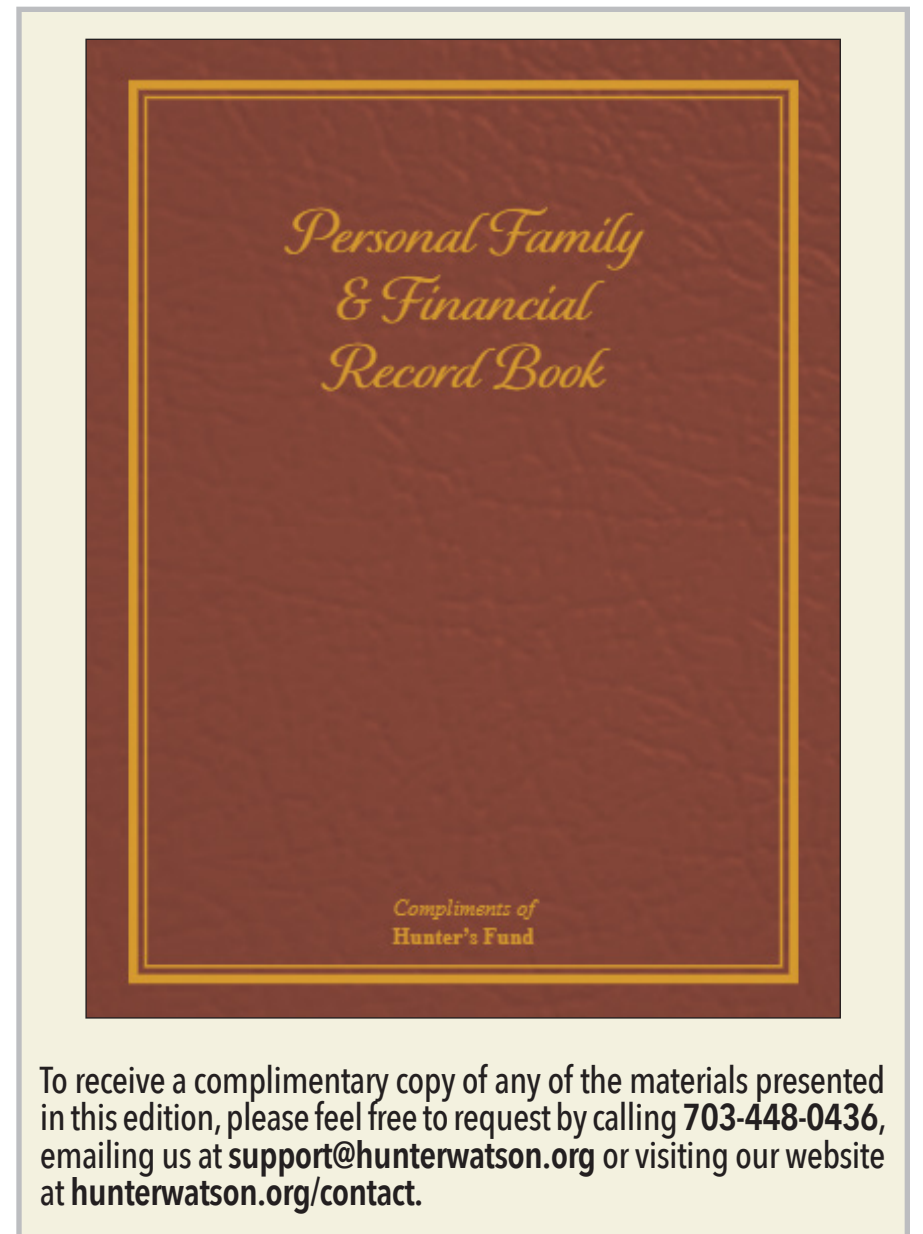
At Hunter's Fund, we understand the importance of being prepared for the future and ensuring the care of your loved ones.

That's why we are pleased to announce our Family and Financial Record Book as part of the Hunter's Fund Family Planning series. This comprehensive tool helps you organize and manage your personal and financial affairs.

Already widely used by our supporters, this invaluable resource provides a secure place to store all your important financial and personal information, making it easily accessible to your loved ones in case of absence or incapacity.

The book contains sections for family information, personal contacts, medical details, financial assets, properties, retirement accounts, mortgages, loans, insurance policies, and personal property, including collections and valuables.

Organizing your life in this book can save time and reduce stress for your loved ones, who will need to access this information in case of an emergency or to settle your estate. Please con-



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sider the value of your possessions, and make sure your family knows what you have and where you want it to go.

The Record Book can help you identify valuables that should be kept from being thrown away or sold for very little money and keep track of important items such as storage units, cell phones, and computer passwords.

The Family and Financial Record Book is more than just a

planning tool; it's a step towards securing your legacy and ensuring your wishes are honored.

We are proud to offer this valuable resource to our supporters upon request.

Thank you for your continued support and for considering the Personal Family and Financial Record Book as a tool to help secure your financial future and ensure that your wishes are carried out.

Spotlight on: Grant Winner Lilia Serio



Lilia Devany Serio

Year of award:
2018

Area of Interest:

Phone App

Development

Lilia helped develop an app that rewards

users for not texting and driving.

She attended a One Stone program in Boise, ID. At the end of the program, she and her team developed the Clutch

phone app. The app rewards users for not texting and driving by offering discounts at local restaurants and stores.

Through a point system, drivers are incentivized to break their texting while driving habits.

The Hunter's Fund grant helped

Lilia and the Clutch team get their business up and running and make their app commercially available and ultimately save lives.

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