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Where will the

next great ideas

come from? Who



will provide the insight, inspiration and hard work

to create a better tomorrow? Hunter's 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.

Hunter's Fund invests in young people who have shown 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 Hunter's 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 most of your gift will propel young people's dreams and help end distracted driving.

You Helped Fund Five Young Entrepreneurs



Sophie Fazio, Brooklyn, NY

Documentary Film

is a director, writer, and produc- it is my purpose in life to be a er who wants to use film to explore complex emotions and tell stories and talents of strong, expowerful stories about margin- traordinary humans." alized people. Fazio has been studying film since high school Fund will help finance Sophie's and wants to create movies that latest film, Wilde Flowers, a fecenter LGBTQIA and people of male-centered coming-of-age color on and off the screen.

"Through independent films, lationships. I learned that movies have the

power to transcend boundaries Brooklyn native Sophie Fazio and connect humanity. I believe filmmaker and showcase the

> The funds from Hunter's story about intimate family re-

Merchandise Launch

ready making major waves in Guns Down Friday. the DMV's rap music scene.

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chase materials to kickstart 16-year-old Anwar Falah his brand's merchandise line, Karim may be young, but the the proceeds of which will go Potomac School student is al- to the D.C. based organization

"Supporting an organization He co-owns the music com- like Guns Down Friday is impany Elevate & Motivate LLC portant to me as a young black alongside older brother Taaj man in America. I may not David and is committed to necessarily see gun violence using music to inspire young on a day-to-day basis, but I people and fight gun violence. understand that many of my His grant money from Hunt- people's communities are af-



Anwar Falah Karim, Oakton, VA



Cassity Leachman, Wrentham, MA

Music Production Company

Leachman is working to bring among larger independent latransparency and integrity to bels and especially not among the music industry. Her music larger corporate labels. We production company and re- believe that this sets us apart cord label Capricious Produc- and is our way of pushing the tions does just that, offering music industry in a more just personalized mixing and mas- direction." tering, branding, and management services to young artists Fund will be used to purchase on their own terms.

"Our policy of crafting custom contracts for each indi-

vidual artist based on their Syracuse graduate Cassity needs is not commonly found

> The money from Hunter's additional recording and music production equipment.

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HUNTER'S FUND UPDATE

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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 injures from distracted driving by increasing awareness among young drivers and gaining their commitment to change.

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Julonna Peterson, Kingston, SV

Mental Health Support for Children

Julonna Peterson is passionate about supporting special needs stu-Vincent and the Grenadines with the resources they need to create inclusive learning environments.

Her company The PERFECT Project aims to "create a safe haven for the overlooked majority" by creating specially tailored kits, workbooks, and resources for children, parents, and teachers.

"I was employed as a teacher's aide for a client who has ADHD and Autism, and through this exdents and providing teachers in St. perience, I was able to understand deeply the intelligence, uniqueness and immense learning potential of children with such diagnosis."

The money from Hunter's Fund will help purchase materials for the workbooks and shipping supplies so they can be distributed around the country.



Jessica Toscano, Clifton, NJ

Lifestyle Magazine

Journalist Jessica Toscano is the creator of IntrigueMag, a digital lifestyle publication geared towards young adults. But what sets Toscano's project apart from the thousands of other lifestyle publications on the internet is its focus on serving audiences of all genders.

Jessica launched IntrigueMag with her own money and works 7 days a week writing articles and

growing her business.

"Through fun, informational articles, I want humans--not just men, not just women, not just those who identify as non-binary--to learn how to become healthier in mind and body."

The money from Hunter's Fund will help Jessica advertise her publication, hire writers, and grow her brand.

APPLY FOR A GRANT FROM HUNTER'S FUND

Q: How old do I have to be to apply?

A: Anyone between the ages of 16 and 25 can apply for a grant.

Q: What areas of interest do you support?

A: Preference is given to applicants with projects or business ideas related to music, performing arts, computer science, and entrepreneurship. Specifically, Hunter's Fund has awarded grants to young musicians, movie producers, audio engineers, neuroscientists, engineers, app developers, fashion designers, and more.

Q: What is the application process like?

A: The application process starts by filling out the fast-track application form on hunterwatson.org and finding out if you qualify to apply. Then, gather two letters of recommendation and give yourself plenty of time to fill out the application.



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Q: Who should I ask for letters of recommendation?

A: Teachers, counselors, coaches, colleagues, managers, community leaders, collaborators, or mentors are all great options. No relatives, please!

Q: What would be helpful to me when applying?

A: Learn about Hunter Watson and his legacy and familiarize yourself with the work of the Hunter Brooks Watson Memorial Fund.

Q: What happens next?

A: Application deadlines are June 15th and November 15th. All applications are reviewed and if your application is selected as a finalist, you will be asked for a 1-2 minute video that shares your passion for your project. Applications and videos are reviewed by our grants Committee and applications with the highest scores will be awarded based upon the funds available. Winners are then assigned a Mentor to help you get off to a great start!

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You Rewarded Young Innovative Ideas

Innovative Projects to Young Entrepreneurs

The Hunter Watson Entrepreneurial Awards are given annually to young entrepreneurs who embody the creative and innovative spirit of Hunter Watson. Each year, teams from around the country gather at Syracuse University to compete in a "Shark Tank" style competition for the chance to win \$2,500 in funds for their projects. Twelve judges affiliated with Hunter's Fund volunteers selected the winners from dozens of applicants.

When Syracuse closed down campus in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, organizers quickly moved the competition online for students to safely compete from a distance.

The 2020 award winners include:



CLLCTVE.

CLLCTVE founder Kelsey Davis was traveling the world creating viral content for brands like Coca-Cola while she was still in school. Now, Kelsey is using her skills to create a cutting edge platform that uses artificial intelligence to help Gen-Z digital creators connect with consumer brands. CLLCTVE aims to connect young creatives and help them get paid for the work they do while offering a creative marketing opportunity to brands.



Ec@Bamboo Living

Driven by a desire to create beautiful, affordable, and sustainable homes, EcoBamboo Living is the brainchild of Justin Diaz, Serena Winter, and Virkin Jimeenez. The company intends to create 200 sq. foot bamboo homes in remote areas to curb homelessness and introduce an environmentally conscious housing option to people in need.





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After completing the Girls Who Code summer program, Gabriela Coada and Claire Howard became inspired to bring the power of coding into developing countries. Through their nonprofit, Code++, the pair is working to develop a coding camp in Moldova, Europe's poorest country. The camp will engage students between the ages of 12 and 15 and teach them computer science skills.



Nikita Chatterjee and Brianna Howard are working to provide access to clean water in the slums of India by engineering an advanced water filter that fits into the traditional sari worn by Indian women. PAANI emphasizes the importance of keeping cultural traditions while advancing technology within developing communities and hopes to bring attention to the global issue of water insecurity.



HUNTER'S FUND IS LOOKING FOR ENTHUSIASTIC, PASSIONATE YOUNG PEOPLE WITH PROMISING IDEAS.

The 9th Round of Grant Applications is now open for those ages 16 to 25.

Deadlines are November 15th and June 15th.

Applications are available at https://www.hunterwatson.org/hunters-grant

Grant Review Committee 12 Volunteers Helped This Round

The Committee members spent over 6 hours each reading, scoring, and sharing their comments on each application before watching pitch videos from the finalists and choosing the most promising to award grants based upon the available funds.



Luigi Ambrosi From Milan, Italy 2017 graduate of Georgetown University in Business Management and Anthropology now working in Food and Venture Capital in New York.



Madeleine Bunbury From Mustique, West Indies An emerging young equestrian artist, based in Gillingham Dorset, UK. Madeleine is our Fundraising Chairman and manages the Fund's program to mentor grants winners in St. Vincent.



Forrest Crane From Alexandria, VA 2018 graduate of the University of Kentucky and now living in Los Angeles, working towards a real estate license in the state of California.



Ilana Dunn From Armonk, NY

2016 graduate of Syracuse University's Newhouse School of Public Communications. Ilana has worked at Sony Music and Hinge in NYC and is now freelancing as a Content Creator and Social Media Manager for up and coming brands.



Dylan Gans From Hoboken, NJ

A 2018 graduate from Syracuse University in Finance, Dylan is Vice President of Good Uncle. He currently resides in



Judith (Judie) Fister from McLean, VA

Recently Retired from 30 years of corporate event planning. Now Donor Relations at Hunter's Fund.



Laurel Holmes From Conyers, GA

May 2020 graduate from The University of Alabama. Laurel is pursuing her Master of Public Health at George Washington University and works as the Program Coordinator with Hunter's



Hannah Kliot From New York, NY

CNBC Associate Producer in New York City and 2017 graduate of Northwestern University. Hannah is a Producer at HBO's Real Sports with Bryant Gumbel.



Jason Reif From New York, NY

2018 graduate of Syracuse University with degrees in Finance, Accounting and Information Management & Technology now working with CNN in New York City. Jason is the Treasurer of Hunter's Fund.



Matthieu Menand From Senlis, France

2018 graduate of Syracuse University and now a hiring manager with Amazon for all Whole Foods, AMZL, and UFF in San Francisco, California. Matthieu is the Grants Chairman of Hunter's Fund.



Chris Savold From Bethesda, MD

Expected to graduate in 2022 from Syracuse University, Chris is studying Advertising & Marketing Management. He also works as an intern for Syracuse's Football program and partners with Hunter's Fund as Philanthropic Chairman for Syracuse's Safe Driving Week.



Lia Tabackman From McLean, VA

2018 graduate of Virginia Commonwealth University's Robertson School of Media and Culture, Lia is currently working as a freelance journalist and editor in Richmond, Virginia.

Massachusetts Father Passes Hands-free Driving Law After Son's Death



Jordan D. Cibley died on Mother's Day in 2007 in a distracted driving accident.

After a 13 year effort, a Massachusetts father who lost his son to a distracted driving collision has passed a law banwhile driving.

Jordan Cibley died in 2007 after he struck a tree while talking on the phone with his thers, brothers, children." father.

which bans using hand-held electronic devices while operating a vehicle.

15 years after being introduced, the bill passed Massachusetts General Assembly in in February 2020.

remembered and he will do place.

something special regardless of whether he's alive or not," Jerry Cibley told Wink News. "There are so many people ning hand-held cell phone use that are on the phone that are causing distracted driving accidents and taking lives of innocent people... mothers, fa-

Now, fines for using a hand-Since then, his father Jerry held electronic device while Cibley has been lobbying for driving will be \$100 for the the Hands-Free Driving Bill, first offense, \$250 for the second, and \$500 for the third.

Massachusetts joined 22 other states with hands-free driving laws, all of which are primary enforcement laws, meaning that an officer may 2019. The law went into effect cite a driver for using a handheld cell phone without any "My son's legacy will be other traffic offense taking

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Iowa State University Partners with Hunter's Fund to Honor Classmate Killed by Distracted Driver



Phi Kappa Psi fraternity brothers encouraging classmates to sign pledges not to drive distracted at Iowa State University.

In 2014, 23-year-old Paul Troupe, a brother at Iowa State University's Phi Kappa Psi fraternity, was killed when his car was hit by a distracted driver in Arizona.

6 years later, Paul's former fraternity is honoring his memory and advocating for an end to distracted driving through a new partnership with Hunter's Fund.

The "Paul's Pledge" campaign event kicked off in the Fall 2020 semester after chapter advisor Bill Good told Jerry Watson, the founder of Hunter's Fund about Paul's story and suggested that Hunter's Fund could integrate his memory into the fraternity's fall philanthropy campaign.

"I just thought it would help the chapter relate to it more... Because this happened to one of our guys, and not just our chapter members, but also the Iowa State community. You know, there was a bright young guy who just graduated in aerospace engineering towards the top of his class, and it was what happened to him."

Hunter's Fund created personalized campaign materials for Paul's Pledge, crafting a custom message for the chapter with photos of Paul's image.

Beginning in October, Phi Psi

members set up a pledge-signing table on campus and managed to raise over \$1,000 and nearly 300 pledges — an impressive number considering a plunge in on-campus traffic due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

"Our student traffic was lower than usual but we did see a lot of students on campus compared to others. I thought we did a good job still getting people to pledge despite some of the cold weather we had," Philanthropy Chair and Iowa State sophomore Holden Larson said.

A few weeks after the campaign closed, Hunter's Fund received a letter and a \$1000 donation from Paul's parents Doug and Sherri Troupe, doubling the funds raised by the Iowa State chapter.

Because this happened to one of our guys, and not just our chapter members, but also the Iowa State "We are so happy to help continue Hunter's legacy. Keep up the good work," the letter read.

Meanwhile, Iowa State students say that they are looking forward to next year's campaign and are eager to keep advocating to end distracted driving.

"Distracted driving is definitely a problem all over the world," Holden said. "I think that after this campaign, a lot of our fraternity members are starting to take the issue more seriously."

COMMENTS FROM PLEDGE SIGNERS

We asked students why they want to put an end to distracted driving and what being a safe driver means to them.

"It means being responsible towards your safety, and the safety of all other drivers on the road."

- Kyle M.

"It pains me to say that I have lost friends to distracted driving."

- Bryce M.

"It means a lot to me because one of my friends was hospitalized due to distracted driving and it is a serious cause to me." -

- Pierce B.

"Keeping myself safe to keep others safe."

- Emma D.

"It means not taking the life of yourself and others seriously and treating them with value."

- Keaton K.

"I had a friend pass away due to distracted driving so it means a lot."

- Braeley K.

"To me it means saving lives!"

- Harrison E.

CAMPUS CAMPAIGN MAILBOX

Messages Sent to Campus Volunteers

"Thanks for inviting me to participate, Spencer! Good Luck!"

- S. G., Omaha, NE

"Such an important way to save lives and learn. Proud of you."

- L. S., Omaha, NE

"Please wear a mask and social distance."

- B. N., St. Paul, MN

"Thanks for supporting such an important cause. So proud of you Jake."

- A. K., Bedford, NY

"So proud of my grandson, Will, and his brothers at Phi Psi for recognizing the importance of educating distracted drivers."

- E. O., Point Lookout, NY

"May God watch over and protect us all!!!!"

- R. D., Staten Island, NY

"Such a great cause. Thanks for making people more aware"

- R. D., Staten Island, NY

Viral Instagram Trend Helps Hunter's Fund Volunteers Fundraise Virtually During Covid



Bingo Card used for Virtual Fundraising Campaign.

The latest viral Instagram trend is a new riff on a classic game — and has shown itself to be a powerful fundraising tool for Hunter's Fund.

Philanthropy efforts on college campuses around the country were largely stifled due to the COVID-19 pandemic. So as students abandoned campuses and attended virtual classes, Phi Kappa Psi members at universities

trend to fundraise for Hunter's Fund.

ment communities and rotating cages, pate." the game has taken social media.

Instagram popular over the COVID-19 panfriends and follow-

each bingo square is labeled with a dollar amount of donations that users can mark off once received.

them fill up their bingo board, encouraging others to participate. fraternity members were able to fundraise hundreds of dollars

and Ian Cooney pitched the idea nation per square."

across the country to Hunter's Fund as a way to beef turned to an explo- up fundraising efforts during an sive new Instagram otherwise slow semester.

"It got people more engaged over social media, so instead of While bingo typi- just seeing a post that explains cally brings to mind what Hunter's Fund is and asking images of retire- for donations, it's interactive and gives people a chance to partici-

Here's how it works: A bingo on new meaning on board is sent to each fraternity member, who in turn posts the "bin- card to their Instagram, where it go cards" became will be viewed by hundreds or thousands of followers.

Each square on the card is lademic as a way for beled with a specific dollar amount ranging from \$2 to \$25 ers to connect and keep busy. and encourages viewers to donate Instead of letters and numbers, to a Venmo account where donations are collected. Each time a donation is received, the member can fill out the square and "tag" By encouraging their social method donor, giving them recognidia followers to donate and help tion for their donation while also

"Most members got their card filled out within the first 24 The University of Alabama hours," Zach says. "Some stu-Philanthropy Chair Zach Valdez dents even got more than one do-



- Univ of Alabama
- **UC Berkeley**
- Univ of California, Davis
- Cal State Northridge
- Cal State-San Luis Obispo
- Coe College
- **Cornell Univ**
- **Drexel Univ**
- **Edinboro Univ**
- Elberta High School
- **Emporia State Univ**
- **Fairmont State Univ**
- Foley High School Univ of Georgia
- Indiana State Univ
- Iowa State Univ
- Univ of Kansas
- Lafayette College
- Lycoming College
- Univ of Maryland Univ of Minn Duluth
- **Univ of Minn Twin Cities**
- Univ of Rhode Island
- Northern Illinois Univ
- Penn State Univ
- Potomac School
- Univ of Pennsylvania
- Simpson College
- Southern Illinois Univ
- **SUNY Oneonta**
- Syracuse Univ
- Univ of Texas
- Texas Tech Univ
- Univ of Toledo
- West Georgia College
- West Point High School

Students use QR codes to spread Hunter's Pledge

As organizations across the country raced to keep campus philanthropy alive in the face of the COVID-19 pandemic, Hunter's Pledge organizers used smartphones and QR codes to bolster traditional pledge-signing and fundraising efforts.

Outreach at colleges typically revolves around tabling events; organizers set up a table in a widely populated area of campus, staff it with rotating shifts of volunteers, and encourage students to gather and sign cards pledging to be a safe driver.

But standing in line and sharing pens is no longer an option in the

COVID-19 era, so Hunter's Pledge participants on college campuses turned to mobile phone technology to keep their campaigns alive.

QR codes - short for Quick Response codes - are codes that are scanned by smartphones and provide links to promotional materials. The codes work to streamline the pledge-signing process by allowing students to quickly fill in information from their phones; saving time and paper resources while mitigating in-person contact.

To use a QR code, a participant opens their smartphone camera and points it towards the code on a promotional poster. Upon scanning



SCAN WITH YOUR CELL PHONE AND JOIN THOUSANDS OF STUDENTS IN SIGNING **HUNTER'S PLEDGE TO END** DISTRACTED DRIVING

the code, a screen to sign Hunter's Pledge will pop up on the participant's phone. After filling out the form and signing the pledge, par-

ticipants are shown a "Thank You" page and have the option to show their screen to a volunteer to receive a gift from Hunter's Fund, or choose to receive their gift in the

Additionally, volunteers can hang the QR code posters around campus away from tabling events, enabling a larger outreach and attracting students who may not want to approach a table.

While the future of campus life is still unclear, Hunter's Fund has taken initiative to create a new model for nonprofit engagement that prioritizes safety in the COVID-19 era.

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Friends Remember Hunter's Natural Humor

- By Debbie Missud



Debbie Missud

"Debbie Missud grew up in McLean, Virginia, and attended The Madeira School. She graduated from Elon University in 2018 and is currently pursuing a master's degree in mental health counseling from Columbia University in New York City."

He taught us resilience, empathy, and how to connect with one another.

Hunter was an integral part of my life from the day I met him in 7th grade. Through middle school, high school, and those first few years of college, Hunter was always a source of comfort and support for me. Although we were going through life's rites of passage around the same time, he taught me lessons that I carry with me every day about resilience, empathy, and most importantly, how to not take life too seriously.

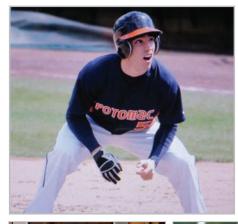
When we went to separate colleges, Hunter made a point to always stay in touch - even if there was nothing to talk about. He wouldn't start his texts with a traditional "hey, how are you?". He would always send the most obscure messages that allowed us to pick up right where we left off and skip the small talk, like just one word - the name of the last rock concert we all attended.

I imagine Hunter laughing to himself about these messages and wanting to share the humor, always consciously spreading positivity. Hunter was known for his ability to put a smile on everyone's faces; even catching up after a short time apart was no exception. I find that these messages embody Hunter's personality and show his efforts to authentically connect with people.

Although coming back to McLean has not been the same without his lightheartedness, selflessness, and iconic dance moves around, Hunter's best qualities permeate through all who have had the pleasure of getting to know him.

In these trying times, we can all take some lessons from Hunter's playbook about finding joy in the small things in life and sharing that joy with our loved ones.

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.

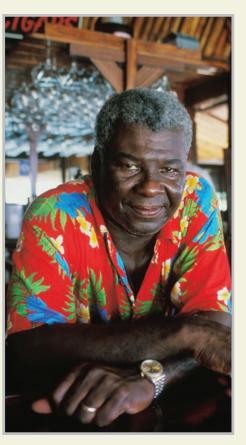
As an entrepreneur ... Hunter worked with area nightclubs to encourage teens-only, no-alcohol nights which he then managed and promoted. He was also beginning work on his own technology-based business.

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.

KEEPING HUNTER'S SPIRIT ALIVE

 by Basil Charles, Owner of Basil's Bar on the island of Mustique.

I'm an entrepreneur and a change maker. I have been my whole life. So, it feels good to support Hunter's Fund to lend a hand to young people who are ready to explore their own passions. It's extra special that I get to honor the Watson family in the process.



Basil Charles, entrepreneur and a change maker.

I've known the Watsons

since Hunter was a wee boy. Later, when he got older, Hunter and his friends used to come hang out with me at my bar. He loved music and he loved dancing. One thing about that kid, is that when he loved something, he loved it with his whole being. I even got to hear his band play a couple of times.

It was such a terrible shock when I heard Hunter had passed in a car accident. He was so full of life and had a bright future ahead of him. It hit me hard because when I was very young, I was almost killed in a motorbike accident myself. And this is such a tightly knit community that we were all devastated.

After the accident, I went to Washington to spend a couple of days with Jerry and Judy. All the guys at my bar have fond memories of Hunter. I was glad to be able to be there for Jerry and Judy during that rough time, just talking and grieving together.

It's wonderful how they have done so much good in Hunter's name. I grew up very poor myself. I quit school at 14 to support the grandmother who raised me. That's why I've always believed in doing what I can to help other young people in need.

The need for education support here on St. Vincent is massive. Students of every age need support – from preschool all the way through college. And it's not just for school fees; they need help with transportation, with books, and feeding programs.

I'm proud to support a number of charities that help young people get an education and follow their dreams, both here in the Caribbean and elsewhere. Hunter's Fund will always be one of my favorites. Keeping Hunter's spirit alive while helping other kids pursue their dreams? Well, there's nothing better.