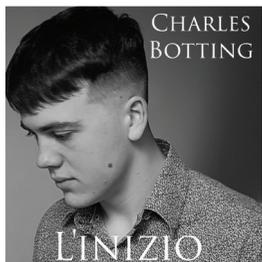


The Travers Foundation

Helping achieve your potential

2020 Review

A volunteer run Charity that provides financial support to local 13 to 30 year-olds and help them to realise their dreams in sport, music and the arts.



www.travers-foundation.org.uk

Registered Charity Number 1154203

How We Support Our Young Stars

COACHING SUPPORT

Providing funding for the direct cost of coaching and professional support for groups or individuals including sports, creative arts and the performing arts.

STUDIO SUPPORT

Providing funding for recording studio time for aspiring musicians, both groups and individuals.

COMPETITION SUPPORT

Providing funding for competition costs including travel expenses, accommodation expenses and competition entry fees for sporting teams or individuals.

PERFORMANCE SUPPORT

Providing funding for pre-production costs for groups planning a production or event. This can include Auditions, Rehearsals and People costs.

Applying for Support

Our application process is very easy. Simply complete the website form as fully as you can, and we'll be in touch. We really like to meet our applicants and will make those arrangements to suit you.

Businesses Supporting The Travers Foundation

WE'RE LOCAL

As a local business you can support The Travers Foundation, a local Charity helping talented young people in your local community.

WE'RE VOLUNTEERS

We're a 100% volunteer run charity. Every penny donated goes to local young people.

GIVING BACK TO YOUR COMMUNITY

Supporting The Travers Foundation is a chance to give back to local young people and your funding will have a major impact.

EXCELLENT MEDIA POTENTIAL

Supporting The Travers Foundation is a real opportunity for significant media coverage and to associate your business with our success.

MEETING CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

Supporting The Travers Foundation positions local businesses within the local community and positively impacts staff engagement and perception.

VIOLETTE ARMSTRONG FOOTBALL



I absolutely love football and play for 3 teams, so the costs are super high. I was thrilled to be accepted by The Travers Foundation as it meant I could continue doing what I love. Your support has given me confidence in myself.

2019 OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT

My greatest achievement of 2019 was being accepted for the 3rd season to Northamptonshire football association talent pathway.

ALEX COCHRANE TABLE TENNIS



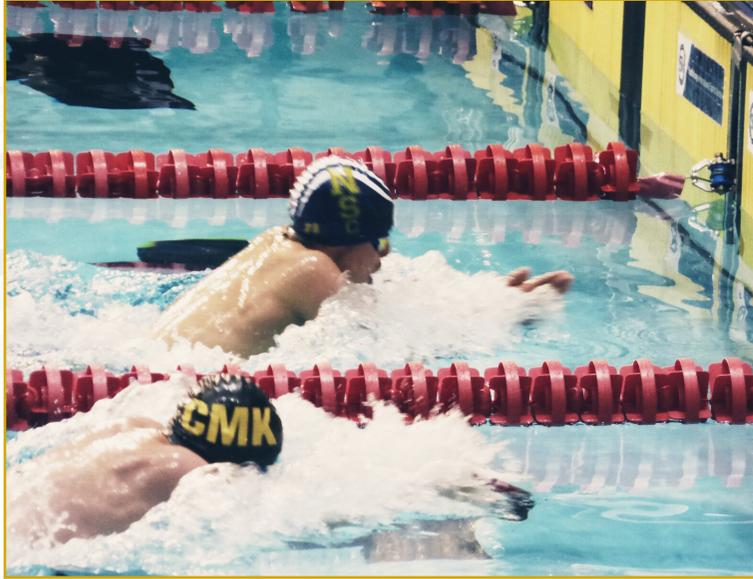
The support the Travers Foundation has given me has helped to increase the amount of training I do and enter competitions further afield. It has helped me so much in working towards achieving my goals. Thanks to their support I can work towards my goal of reaching the top 25 in England by the time I am 18.

2019 OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT

My biggest achievement was representing the East Midlands at the national Inter Regional final U15 team event. Along with my two teammates we finished in 2nd place out of the ten regions in England. To qualify we had to take part in a tournament with players representing Northants, Leicestershire, Lincolnshire Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire.



HARVEY FREEMAN SWIMMING



2019 OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT

Harvey's greatest achievement in 2019 was being ranked number 1 in England in the 200m short course breaststroke.

I have had a great year pursuing my swimming goals. The financial support that The Travers Foundation has given me has enabled me to compete at the Amsterdam Cup, an international meet for Olympic Trial Qualification. I competed with swimmers from Australia, South Africa and Europe which was amazing race experience. Having now achieved qualification for the Olympic Trials in April I am now looking forward to competing against the best British swimmers.

Thank you to The Travers Foundation for their continued support into my swimming career.



ROBERT TAYLOR SWIMMING



2019 OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT

Qualifying for the Scottish Nationals, held at the same pool in Glasgow used for the European Championships at 4 different events.

With the support of the Travers Foundation, Robert had a terrific 2019, winning 10 medals at the County Championships, qualifying for the Scottish Nationals at 4 events and setting 10 new club records along the way.

He has also competed at some very competitive International Open Meets (including events held at Cardiff and the London Aquatic Centre in addition to Glasgow) and has worked hard to refine his swimming technique ahead of the major competitive season in 2020.



CHARLIE BOTTING ITALIAN TENOR



2019 OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT

My greatest achievement in 2019 is without doubt producing my E.P 'L'inizio' which is available on all digital download platforms and also as a physical CD from my website.

I would like to take this opportunity thank The Travers Foundation for their huge generosity and their confidence in me to produce my debut E.P 'L'inizio'.

The recording took some time due to my full university commitments but in August 2019 I was thrilled to announce its release on an international radio show called 'Classical Crossover 4 U' on Calon FM, having been invited by its host when she heard about it on social media. I have had sales from Canada, the USA, the Netherlands and as far away as Australia!



Download album available from www.charlesbottingtenor.co.uk.

KARA HAMER CONTEMPORARY SINGER



2019 OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT

My greatest achievement in 2019 was being invited to sing "Born Free" for Virginia McKenna. She was guest of honour at the "Corby Big Film Week" in October 2019.

I have been receiving funding and support from the Travers Foundation and have enjoyed all the experiences and opportunities that has brought me.

Over the past twelve months I have raised funds for the foundation, from the auction of my first CD, the selling of those CDs and performances at events, some of which included singing for the Leicestershire Law Society at their wonderful events and of course at the fabulous Travers Showcase Evenings.

Since being supported by the Travers Foundation my confidence has grown and improved along with my performance delivery and stage presence.

These are skills that can only be built up by performing in front of audiences and through Travers I've had that exposure. I am thoroughly looking forward to the years ahead regarding my singing and I hope that The Travers Foundation continue to help, inspire and support young people as they have done with me.



MATTHEW FOSTER MUSICIAN



I am very grateful for the support of the Travers Foundation as it has supported my attendance on the Rodolfus course, assisted my musical tuition and supported my lessons. Specifically, throughout August I attended the Rodolfus Choral course set in the beautiful college chapels of Oxford where I learnt so much about singing and conducting.

Since September, "I have developed throughout my organ scholarship at All Saints' church, Northampton. This scholarship has not only given me opportunities to play the organ on a regular basis, but it lets me work closely with choristers on solo repertoire - hugely developing my conducting and leadership abilities.

During the Autumn term I also took and passed my Grade 8 violin and Grade 6 singing which I am very proud of! My aim is to become a Director of Music and organist.

2019 OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT

My greatest achievement in 2019 is taking my first steps in conducting and leading a choir. Although, initially outside my comfort zone, I have increased my confidence with each opportunity I have had.

SAM BURTON & ABI GRAY BASKETBALL



2019 OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT

Our greatest achievement of 2019 was winning our gold & bronze medal at the world special needs Olympics. This is the best thing that's happened to us. We were both nominated for the Rutland disabled sports person of the year award, which Sam won & Abbie was runner up.

We can't thank the Travers Foundation enough for their very kind donation, which without this we would have struggled to raise the full amount needed to go to the Olympics.

Going to the Olympics made such a difference to both of us. We made new friends, gained more social skills & grew in our confidence. We're more outgoing, as well as massively improving our basketball skills. We've got so many new memories; The Travers Foundation was a big part in helping get us there.

We both enjoyed meeting you & talking to you all about what we were doing & why the donation was needed, although Abbie was very shy & quiet, she did enjoy going & we both think you're all incredibly kind for helping us get to the Olympics.

We were featured in the local papers, as well as being interviewed on 2 local radio stations & Sam got to turn on the Christmas tree lights. So a big thank you to you all for all your help getting us to the Olympics, the time we had there will stay with us for the rest of our lives.



IULIA PETRE ARCHERY



The Travers Foundation help support me, allowing me to travel to international competitions and compete for GB and allow me to travel around the U.K to compete at high standards. I would not be able to travel to competitions and training as much without them; I am very grateful for the help and competition support they provide.

2019 OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT

In 2019 my biggest achievement was qualifying first at the Berlin World Cup in senior category.

I also became the first ranked junior in the U.K after winning nationals and came 9th at the European Cup in Romania representing GB.



JAMES MASON ARCHERY



2019 OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT

My biggest achievement was being a part of the Mixed Team that won Great Britain's first World Cup Gold Medal since 2012 over 20 events ago.

As an individual my biggest achievement was to win the British Target Championships for the 1st time and end 2019 as the UK number 1 for the 2nd year in a row.

Unfortunately this was my last year working with The Travers Foundation as I hit the upper age limit. The support I have received over the past few years has allowed me to achieve my goals.

When I first contacted The Travers Foundation my aim was to one day be UK Number 1 and represent Great Britain. In the past few years thanks to their help I have managed to win 2 International Gold Medals and reach a World Ranking high of 18th. I have also been UK Number 1 for the past 2 years in a row.

I would like to say a massive thank you to everyone at The Travers Foundation for their support on our journey together.



SHAPE DANCE GROUP TAP, BALLET AND MODERN DANCE



30 Dancers from the Shape Dance classes attended Louie Spence's Masterclass on Sunday 22 September 2019 at the Morningside Arena in Leicester. This Masterclass gave the dancers the opportunity to try styles of dance which they may not have tried before and the opportunity to work with professional dancers and choreographers from the West End. Thank you so much for giving these dancers the opportunity to attend this event, work with professional Choreographers and learn new skills and develop their technique.

2019 OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT

The highlight of 2019 was attending the Louie Spence Masterclass and seeing them grow in confidence and ability throughout the day. The focal point was when one of choreographers chose two of the Corby Dances to perform as part of a small group for the rest of the dancers at the event and the other choreographers.

EMILY FOXCROFT CONTEMPORARY DANCE



2019 OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT

Awarded a place at Trinity Laban Conservatoire of Music & Dance in Greenwich, London with a bursary for outstanding A level achievements.

The Travers Foundation helped me in my final year on the CAT scheme (Centre for Advanced Training with Dance 4 in Nottingham) and supported me when I went through the audition season. Their donations supported me in my toughest year of semi-professional training and their continued interest in me and my skills boosted my confidence and enabled me to get into a world class conservatoire.

I am now training in London for a degree in dance and thankful for the support of the Travers for the past three years. Your contributions have given me the best opportunity available and set me on a course for professional success, whilst still following my dreams. It's amazing what you can achieve when other people believe in you. Thank you.

3 Years of Continual Success

£93,915

Spent it Funding since
the start of 2017

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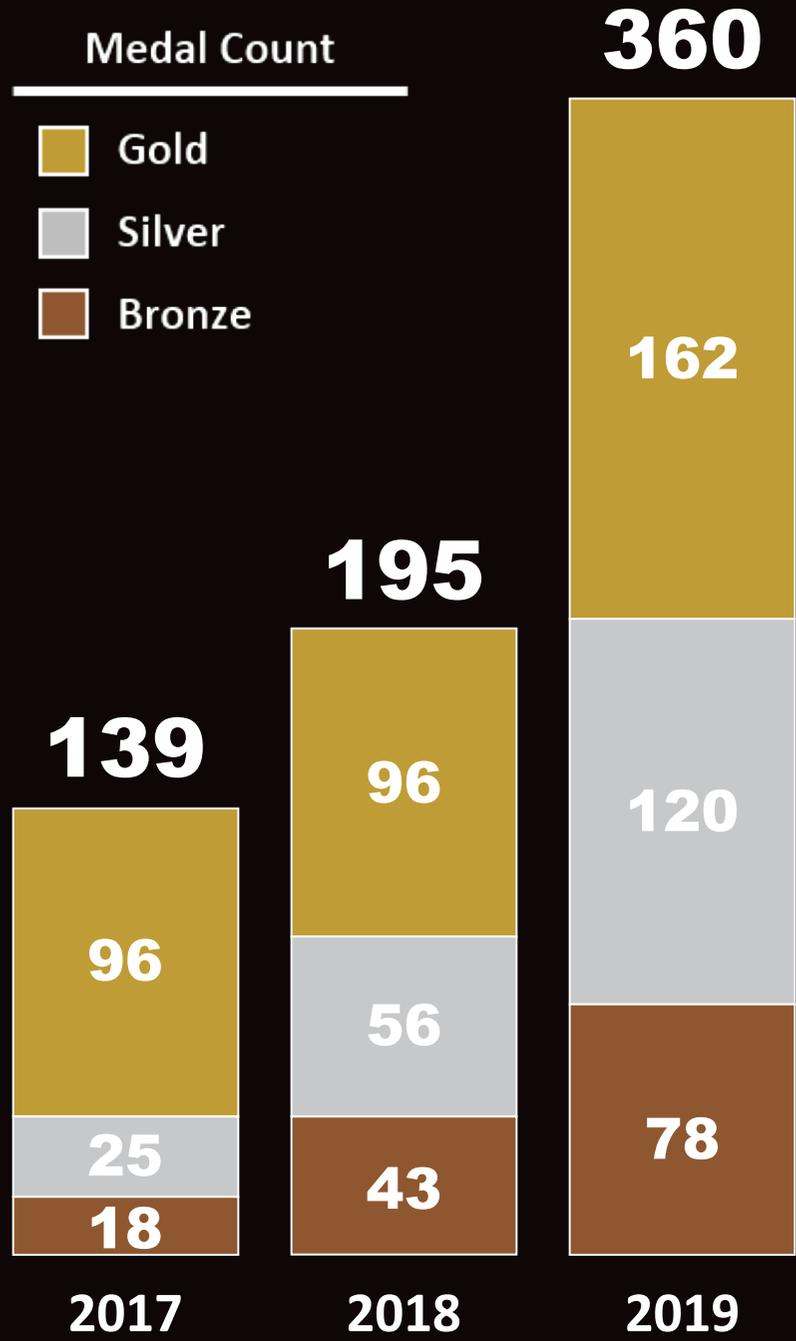
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EMILY BROWN BALLROOM DANCING



2019 OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT

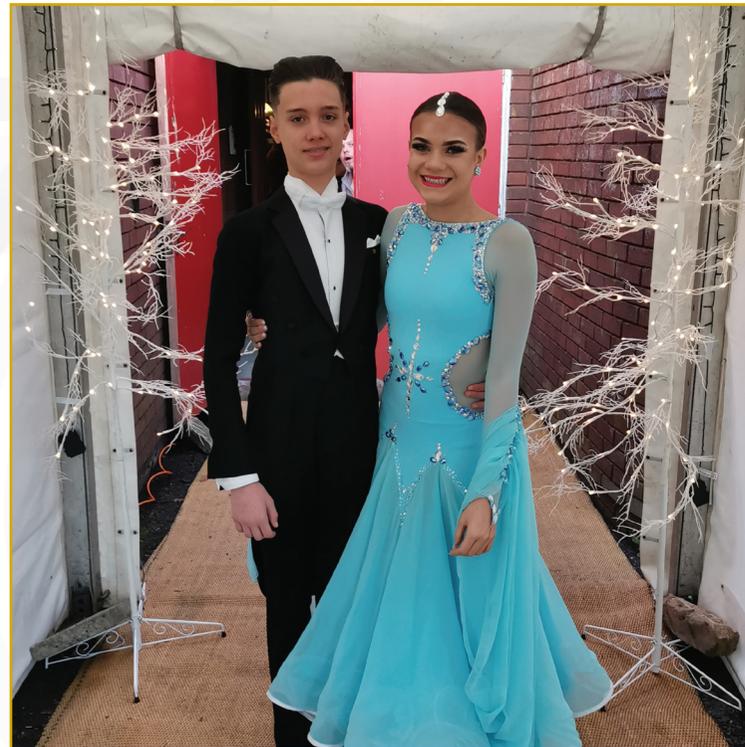
Our Greatest achievement:
8th place in the Under 19 World Championships
2nd place in the Under 21 British National Championships

The Travers Foundation has aided my partner and tremendously in our successes since starting to support us in 2017. In an increasingly competitive industry, we must continually look for ways to improve our regime and performances. With the help of The Travers Foundation, we have been given the opportunity to compete in countries all over Europe and are looking forward to travelling to many new locations in 2020.

As well as this, we have been privileged to be taught by the legends of the ballroom dancing world, gaining truly valuable knowledge and inspiration. I am eternally grateful to The Travers Foundation for supporting me in my quest to achieve my dreams.



SAM MORRIS BALLROOM & LATIN DANCE



2019 OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT

Sam's greatest achievement in 2019 was placing 3rd, with his partner Maddi, in the British couples in the U14 category, at the International Championships of October.

The funding from Travers Foundation has meant the world of difference to Sam. It has given him the means to be taken seriously as one of the top Ballroom and Latin dancers in the UK.

Without the funding from the Travers Foundation; Sam would not have been able to compete at the more prestigious competitions this year such as the International Championships, the National Championships and the Champions of Tomorrow.



JACK PERCHARD WILD WATER RACING



2019 OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT

My greatest achievement in 2019 is without a doubt competing at the U23 European Championships in Bosnia, we had an amazing week of training and racing and it was undoubtedly the most beautiful river I have ever paddled on!

I've been involved with white water canoeing for many years now and have been competing internationally since 2015, I absolutely love what I do but unfortunately this is extremely expensive, especially competing at international events.

The Travers Foundation has helped fund me to compete with my training partner at the 2019 U23 European Championships in Bosnia. This was an incredible experience and I would have truly struggled to manage the trip without the support from the Travers Foundation.



HARRIET DRAKE-LEE ROWING



2019 OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT

My quad, finished the outdoor becoming British Champions at the Junior British Championships

In December I attended the British Indoor Rowing Championships

With my teammates Charlotte, Tom and Will and we became British Champions as well as British Record holders!



RYAN LEDER THEATRE



The funding support of Travers has been an invaluable foundation of support on a production that had ambition beyond anything I had striven for before. Both in terms of content and practicalities, the production exceeded expectation and has help project me forward in my endeavours to be a young person working in theatre.



2019 OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT

I'm grateful to Travers for their support of young people in the local area, as I wouldn't know of any other opportunity quite like the one's they've given me this year.

CORE COMEDIANS COMEDY



2019 OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT

The biggest achievement is these young people writing and performing their own unique comedy in front of a paying audience, at the first Bangers and Mash comedy cub in 2019, showing their professionalism and support to one another.

With the generous support from the Travers Foundation, we have been able to continue our work supporting young, upcoming comedians from the Corby area.

Our quarterly Bangers and Mash comedy cub offers these young comedians the opportunity to perform in front of an audience comprised of not only friends and family but members of the public. This has boosted their confidence as they have had to work hard to write and rehearse a well prepared, original five-minute comedy set and respond to (gentle) heckles from the audience.

They have also had the opportunity to meet with and talk to established pro comedians, Sara Pascoe and Milton Jones. Core Comedians sessions are aspirational, confidence boosting and give the young people an opportunity to explore their creativity, tell funny stories about their families and growing up in Corby and give them a platform to shine.



MARITA DAVIES DOG AGILITY



Travers have been able to make the last few years of my agility career possible, we have been able to compete at the World Agility Open, European Open and FCI World Championships because of the funding. The costs of travel to these events are large because we must drive the dogs there, last year the FCI Championships were in Finland and with Travers help I was able to afford the trip.

We were able to qualify for all events at Crufts 2020 and compete at Olympia 2019 because of Travers help.

2019 OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT

In 2019 my biggest achievement was achieving the title Agility Champion with my border collie, her Kennel name now has the prefix 'Agility Champion Lalapaws Taken By Surprise'.



SPENCER BALL & CHARLIE GRANT BOXING



Spencer Ball age 14 (34kg) is the Current Midland Champion.
Charlie Grant age 17 (69kg) also Current Midland Champion

Elvis Hopkins Chief Coach at Leicester ABC

“Thank you for sponsoring our young lads they couldn't have made the trip to Monkstown without the Travers Foundation

Spencer has a massive future in boxing and Charlie's a great kid. His routine is work, train, sleep, repeat. A genuine nice kid”

2019 OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT

Spencer & Charlie received funding to compete in the Monkstown Box Cup

Spencer won Gold Medal
Charlie won Silver Medal



TOM HATTEE TRIATHLON



The Travers Foundation has helped me this year to fund my race fees and travelling expenses to National competitions. Without their support it would have been more stressful finding funding towards the very expensive sport. It is fab that it is so local, and the volunteers are very approachable.

2019 OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT

My greatest achievement in 2019 was achieving 7th in the Youth National Super Series (and with another year in the same age group to come).



FREYA BATKIN TRIATHLON



2019 OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT

My greatest achievement this year is qualifying and racing at national level in the British Triathlon Super Series. I am, also, extremely happy with gaining new swimming pb's over 400 and 200 metres for the first time in 18 months.



TOM SYMONS KICK BOXING



With Travers' continued support I have been able to train across the country with top class GB coaches and compete internationally in Europe and the United States. As a result of being able to compete against other high calibre competitors my skill and technique has improved to a point where I now proudly hold multiple GB titles.

It is also important to note that the Travers Foundation not only supports my sporting endeavours, but is also extremely encouraging of other life skills such as building confidence, which allows me to feel at ease when travelling to tournaments alone, and public speaking, including the great pleasure of presenting to a group of primary school children on the importance of regular exercise and how it can be fun.

Knowing how difficult it is to seek funding for a sport that does not get much recognition, I am extremely grateful that the Travers Foundation is open to all areas of sport and the arts in Northamptonshire and Leicestershire, and have given me the opportunity to grow and succeed in my chosen sport.

2019 OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT

Retaining my WAKO British title, WAKO World European Silver Medallist, and being awarded all three local sportsperson awards that I was eligible to enter for my first year in the adult category. It is wonderful to be recognised for my sporting success and honoured in this way.



JAMES ENGLISH KICK BOXING



2019 OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT

My greatest achievement was in the Battle Zone 3 tournament in November when I fought a 16 year old lad called TJ from Leeds who is one of the best fighters in the country and like myself has many world titles to his name. After 2 hard fast explosive rounds in the ring. I was awarded a unanimous decision to take the Battle Zone 3 title. Also in December I achieved my 2nd Degree Black Belt



The support that The Travers Foundation has helped me to travel to the international tournaments and national tournament and provide me with essential financial support that has allowed me to compete at these tournaments. It has allowed me to not worry about how I was going to afford to compete at these tournaments and therefore allowed me to concentrate fully on my training and fighting. Without their support I wouldn't be able to compete in more international tournaments and achieve what I have so far to date.

OUR TRUSTEES



TERRY FORSEY

Sales and marketing guru and golfer



HELEN HAYWARD

Retired teacher and member of the Sealed Knot



WILLIAM SHARMAN

110 metres hurdles multi medal winner



JULIE POWELL

Retired Post Mistress and Community Choir member



MARTIN MCEVOY

Opera singer, vocal coach and broadcaster



KIERAN FORSEY

Entrepreneur and keen walker.



GARY TAIT

Employment lawyer and golfer



BRUCE DONALD

Sales manager, iron man & ex-professional rugby player

The Traversers Foundation

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Funding Provided

£31,350

We have helped

68

13 to 30 year olds

162



Gold

120



Silver

78

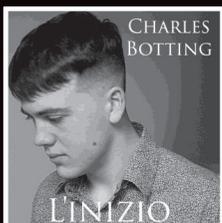


Bronze

Music Productions



Kara (2019) - Kara Hamer



L'INIZIO (2019) - Charles Botting

Theatrical Productions



Theatre In Black: Loop (2019)