

The Travers Foundation

Helping achieve your potential

2019 Review

A volunteer run charity that helps 13 to 30 year olds improve their skills in sports, the creative arts and the performing 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.

EXHIBITION SUPPORT

Providing funding support for venue costs and equipment hire for an exhibition or show for aspiring Artists or Craftsmen.

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

You may be starting out or have achieved some success - we can all use a skilled helping hand to improve and grow. In most cases our funding support is based on matched funding so for each £1 you spend we will provide 50% of this amount.

Complete Your Application

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.

Before you start please make sure you have read the page opposite, so you are clear what support is available.

We are unable to consider applications to cover

- The cost of school, college or university fees.
- The cost of marketing an event, exhibition or a performance.
- The cost of purchasing equipment including sports equipment, musician's instruments, amplification, cameras, sets, costumes or props.

Residence means living full time with a home postal address in Northamptonshire, Leicestershire or Rutland. The only exception is to permit support for young people whose parental home is in Northamptonshire, Leicestershire or Rutland and they are in full time school or college education outside the area.

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.

Individuals Supporting the Travers Foundation

Keep up to date on news and events at
www.travers-foundation.org.uk

Engage with supporters and follow our achievements
www.facebook.com/traversfoundation

Donate with Debit Card, Credit Card or Direct Debit
www.travers-foundation.org.uk/make-a-donation.html

Support us with The Corby Lottery
www.corbylottery.co.uk/support/the-travers-foundation

Send us a cheque to
**The Travers Foundation, Barn House,
High Street, Gretton, Northants, NN17 3DF**

ABI CLARKE SAILING



2018 OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT

Gold medal
at the RYA
Olympic
Ranker Spring
Series

Gold medal at
the RYA Youth
Nationals



I cannot put into words how grateful I am for the financial support the Travers Foundation has provided to me over the past year. This has enabled me to continue to pursue my dream of sailing at the highest level within the British Youth Sailing Team resulting in an amazing year full of opportunities including being part of the British Team at the ISAF Youth Worlds 2018 in Texas.

MARCUS TRESSLER SAILING



2018 OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT

Represented
Team GB at
World
Championships



I can't thank The Travers Foundation enough for the opportunities they've given me. Once I qualified to represent my country at the Sailing World Championship that happens every four years, The Travers Foundation made it possible for me to go. To have the chance was amazing. The opening and closing ceremony were incredible I've never been to an event with crowds of people who have come to watch sailing before.

Without having opportunities like this, it would really stunt my progress. The World Championships has really spring boarded my development, knowing where the top in the world are at has helped me to open my eyes a bit wider in terms of how to get there. I do really think the lessons I learnt at that worlds were some that you just can't learn without being in that environment.

This event has boosted my world ranking position and will help me to qualify for high profile events in the future. I can't thank The Travers Foundation enough, events such as the Sailing World Championships happen once every four years at the midpoint between Olympics. It is the biggest regatta I have ever been in, just the experience was incredible.

CHARLIE BOTTING CLASSICAL TENOR



2018 OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT

Awarded a Music Scholarship at the University of Birmingham to study alongside my degree

Having had classical singing lessons since I was eight years old, I have over the last 3 years been training as an Italian Tenor, stepping back from performing etc to allow my adult voice to mature. I am often asked on social media if I am going to record and perform again soon but wanted to ensure that my voice was ready.

My first session in the recording studio was such a fantastic experience and I learnt such a lot both about my voice and about the technicalities of producing the finished article.

To receive this generous funding from the Travers Foundation has enabled me to pursue the beginning of my singing and recording career and to do my best to make it a success. I am so grateful to the Foundation for their support and confidence in me to push this project forward. The funding is allowing me to produce a professional EP which I hope people will enjoy listening to.

KARA HAMER CONTEMPORARY SINGER



2018 OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT

Working with a West End vocal coach, Mary King, which enabled me to record my first CD

Working with Mary King was an incredible once in a lifetime opportunity! I learnt many new techniques on how to preserve my vocal chords and utilise my voice in different ways to enable me to reach my full potential.

Working in the studio is great! I'm learning so much about both the technical and vocal aspects of recording an album. I never realised the hard work and concentration that goes into the production of a CD. It's a thoroughly enjoyable experience that I hope to do again in the future!

Thanks to the Travers Foundation giving me this foothold in the music industry, my confidence has grown considerably and my passion for entertaining people is stronger than ever! Due to this, I am eager to make sure that I continue to progress and eventually hope to have the opportunity of singing in front of larger audiences.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Travers Foundation for all their help and support over the last couple of years. I couldn't have accomplished all that I have without them!

IULIA PETRE ARCHERY



2018 OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT

GB Youth Development Team, National Youth Squad and selected to represent England at the Indoor Home Nations



I would like to say thank you for your generous sponsorship for the past years.

It's had a huge impact on my development and allowed me to achieve scores that placed me in the first 10 junior archers last year, this opened a wonderful opportunity for me to join the GB Archery Team.

I appreciate your work and I am grateful and fortunate for your help, this gives me the possibility to go to important competitions and GB training Camps; which helps higher my scores and improve me as an archer."

JAMES MASON ARCHERY



2018 OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT

Ranked GB
No 1

European
Archery
Championships
Team Gold
Medal winner

Prior to receiving support from The Travers Foundation, I would struggle to find the funds required to attend National tournaments and competing on the international stage was a dream in the distance. Receiving support from The Travers Foundation provided a huge relief and allowed me to compete at more events both Nationally and Internationally.

I have been fortunate enough to make it into the Great Britain team and become a regular member for international events, this year I achieved a career high National Ranking finishing in the top spot and achieved a top 20 World Ranking. The highlight of my year was being part of the Gold Medal winning team at the European Archery Championships in Legnica, Poland. It was the first time a Gents team from Great Britain has won a Gold medal in the events 50-year history.

I am extremely thankful to everyone involved with The Travers Foundation as I couldn't be where I am today without their incredible support.

EMILY FOXCROFT CONTEMPORARY DANCE



2018 OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT

GB Youth Development Team, National Youth Squad and selected to represent England at the Indoor Home Nations

2018 has been an amazing developmental year for me at the Centre for Advance Training in Contemporary Dance in Nottingham (CAT) where I won a place in 2016. This professional level (non-competitive) dance training with visiting international artists has helped me to develop my own style and I feel a lot more confident in my own ability.

None of this would have been possible without the support from the Travers Foundation, who have made me realise there are people out there willing to support the Arts in a world where finance for advanced education is being systematically removed; something I will always be grateful to them for. Thanks to them, I am delighted to say I am applying to dance conservatoires for a place in Sept 19."

EMILY BROWN BALLROOM DANCING



2018 OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT

Quarter finalist - the British Open Under 21 Championships

4th place - Under 21 at the UK Closed Championships



Over the past 12 months, we have achieved great things in our dancing that we would have never thought possible at such an early age and accessed truly world class training from some of the most inspirational people in the dancing industry - and none of this would have been possible without the help and support of the Travers Foundation.

An incredible opportunity that we were able to access this summer was a seven-day intense training camp in Ukraine, where we were not only coached by some of the best teachers from all around the world but were also given the opportunity to train alongside some of the world's best young dancers. This was one of the most inspirational and memorable trips of my dancing life and I have taken away valuable information which will last a lifetime.

Another highlight of this year was making the, having only been competing in this category for 7 months, which was above and beyond our hopes and dreams.

All these opportunities that we have been lucky enough to experience this year have contributed to us becoming more motivated than ever to achieve our dreams. Our passion for dance is so strong and we can never be grateful enough for all the new avenues that we have been able to explore as a result of the Travers Foundation.

SAM GRANT BASKETBALL



2018 OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT

Captain of
Northamptonshire
Titans.

Most valuable
player and
runners up in
North Premier
National League



I have had an amazing year playing basketball and have worked hard to improve my game. I was selected to represent England U16 Boys. I was involved in selection camps up until July when I was very proud to be selected to represent Great Britain at the FIBA European Championships. This was an amazing experience as I have had the opportunity to travel to Prague in the Czech Republic and Sarajavo, Bosnia to play for my National Team and represent my Country.

I am now continuing to develop my game by attending a Basketball Academy alongside my Sixth Form education with the help of Basketball England. I must thank the Travers Foundation for their help and support of me and my family at this time.

DANE CARR BASKETBALL



2018 OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT

Leicester
Riders U16s -
Team Most
Valuable Player

Nike camp,
USA - Senior
Conference
Champions 2018

Winners of the
Haris memorial
tournament

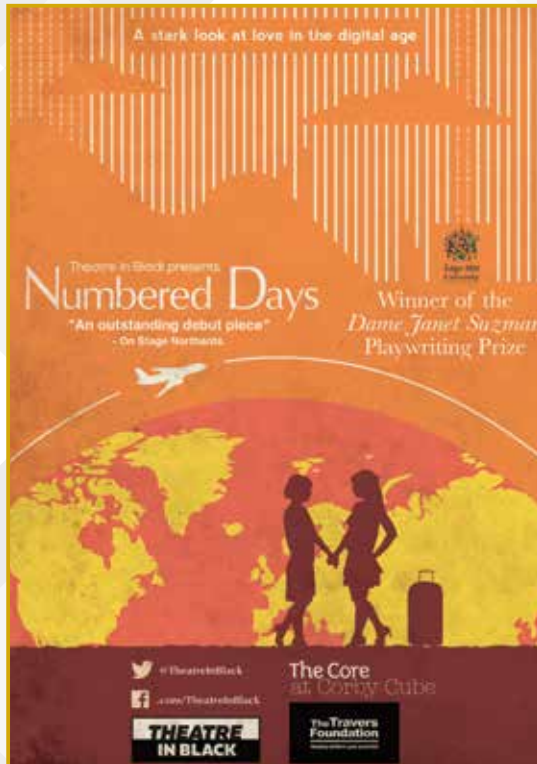


The support given to me by The Travers Foundation has allowed me to achieve so much, making 2018 a fantastic year for me.

I have joined Charnwood College studying an Advanced Apprenticeship in Sporting Excellence for Basketball. I have also attended Nike camp in Iowa, USA allowing me to train with top NBA coaches and enabling me to meet US college coaches, which hopefully will give me exposure in USA towards a scholarship from a US college. I am looking forward to 2019, and the next steps on my journey to becoming a professional basketball player.

I cannot thank The Travers Foundation enough for giving me the financial support to chase my dream and fulfil my sporting ambition.

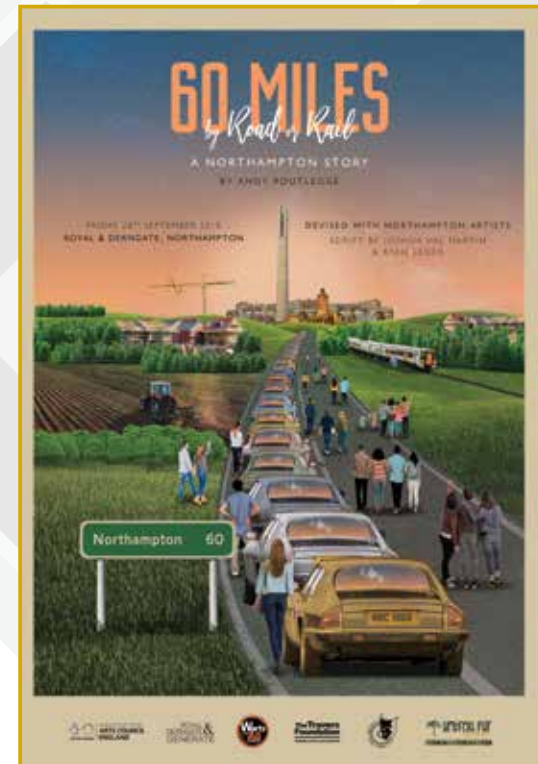
ANDY ROUTLEDGE THEATRE



The invaluable support from The Travers Foundation enabled our professional theatre production 60 Miles by Road or Rail to be realised.

Our project engaged with hundreds of local people and brought them together to question and strengthen our relationships to our hometown.

RYAN LEDER THEATRE



As a young person from Northamptonshire looking to break out in the arts, it can be difficult to find support for creating new opportunities.

The Travers Foundation's initial funding supported Theatre In Black's first professional production (developed and produced right here in Northamptonshire) and allowed us not only to move forward with the national touring production, but was a significant asset when it came to securing further funding from Arts Council England.

CALLUM FARR GOLF



**2018
OUTSTANDING
ACHIEVEMENT**

Winner West
of England
championship

Semi-finalist
English amateur



I'd like to thank The Travers Foundation for the continued support in 2018. As a full time, amateur golfer my entrance fees, coaching, accommodation and travel are crucial. It would not be possible for me to do this without your support!

MARITA DAVIES DOG AGILITY



**2018
OUTSTANDING
ACHIEVEMENT**

Qualifying
for Crufts
Championship
with a 1st place
out of 140 of
the best dogs
in the UK.



The Travers foundation is truly incredible, I never knew that a foundation like this existed. My sport is unique which means support is very limited, the help The Travers Foundation has given me has been invaluable. It has allowed me to travel to both the European Open and World Agility Open this year with two dogs. I will be forever grateful for all the support received from such an inspiring foundation.

NEVE HATTEE CYCLING



2018 OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT

Top 20 (16th)
in first Junior
National series
race



While studying for my A-levels I have been balancing academic work with my cycling commitments. My training has been consistent and with the help of The Travers Foundation I have been able to get some formal cycle coaching which has improved my overall performance this season.

I have been asked to join British Cycling's Regional School of Racing programme which will allow me to improve even further, whilst joining a new team for the 2019 season; Team OnForm, should give me greater access to a higher level of competitive junior races and training.

FREYA BATKIN TRIATHLON



2018 OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT

Triathlon
wins at RAF
Scampton,
Bowood
House,
Sandwell and
Beale Park.



The Travers Foundation have supplied financial help to compete in Triathlon competition as well as swimming and running all over the country. I hope to race in the British Super Series next year. I know that without them my parents would be unable to fund me and therefore I would not be where I am today.

I want to thank The Travers Foundation for their support, as it helps me to be the triathlete I am today and will make me better tomorrow.

FYNN BATKIN TRIATHLON



2018 OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT

Gold in the
European Youth
Mixed Relays

Awarded a place
in Loughborough
Triathlon
Performance
Centre Squad.



The Travers Foundation have funded me to race in the national Super Series in Leeds, Hetton, Eton Dorney, Llannelli and Jersey to name but a few. They have also funded my competition fees for swimming and running also. I know that without them my parents would be unable to fund me and therefore I would not be where I am today.

The future is very bright for me, I am part of the England Next Generation Programme, which develops triathletes to feed onto the World Class Programme. I want to thank the Travers Foundation for their financial support, and I endeavour to be the best I can be.

AMY GRANT NETBALL



2018 OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT

Picked for
Nottingham
Trent University
1st Team &
Loughborough
Lightening U21s



I would like to thank The Travers Foundation for supporting my netball season with TFC in the Mizumo Premier League and Loughborough Lightning U19s. Playing in the Premier League has given me the opportunity to continue to improve my netball and the support I have received from the Travers Foundation has assisted me in playing games all over the Country, which has been a great experience and has prepared me for University netball; I am now really pleased to continue my netball journey and I am playing in the first team in my freshers year at University.

TOM SYMONS KICK BOXING



**2018
OUTSTANDING
ACHIEVEMENT**

WKC World
Champion

WKC World
Bronze Medallist

WAKO World
Silver Medallist

4 British titles



The financial support from Travers has enabled me to continue with a regular training schedule and to compete both nationally and internationally with great success. In order to achieve in kickboxing, it is very important to compete regularly against top fighters from around the world and without Travers' support in 2018 this would not have been possible.

I have had some great results this year, including representing GB at two World Championships and being crowned WKC World Champion, and cannot thank Travers enough for the opportunities they have given me to compete at this level.

THE TRAVERS FOUNDATION WINS THE RUTLAND BIZ CLUB AWARD



Dr Sarah Furness, the Lord Lieutenant of Rutland presented Grettton businessman Terry Forsey with a prestigious local award that celebrates enterprising people in Rutland, at the Falcon Hotel in Uppingham.

The annual Rutland Biz Club Award was awarded to Terry on behalf of The Travers Foundation charity, which he founded. It supports young people in Northamptonshire, Rutland and Leicestershire to achieve outstanding results in sports, performing arts and creative arts.

Terry impressed the Biz Club judges and sponsor The Falcon Hotel, with his innovative vision to set up the foundation that is run entirely by volunteers. In 2017 they raised £32,378 to support 151 young people aged 13 to 30 who have won 139 awards and medals nationally and internationally.

Terry employed the enterprising skills he used to build up his own successful software marketing company to set up the charity to inspire and motivate young people to achieve their goals including Chris Southwell (22) from Oakham who has autism. Chris won Great Britain's first ever Basketball gold medal at the Special Olympics in Los Angeles in 2015 after receiving £1,250 match funding for his trip from the Travers Foundation.

Terry said: "We are very proud to see our success recognised with the Biz Club Award as it's a testimony to all the young people we support and the volunteers who work so tirelessly. The financial support we provide young people helps them to reach for the stars."

Biz Club President Geoffrey Pointon said: "Terry impressed the judges with his innovative approach to building a charity from scratch. His enterprising vision has helped scores of local young people to achieve their goals using grit, determination and talent to help put Rutland, Leicestershire and Northamptonshire on the map."

The Biz Club provides networking opportunities for business owners and would be owners with the aim of increasing profitable growth of the smaller business sector. It also develops and encourages communication between politicians and business people. Past speakers include; businesswoman Nicola Horlick, Sir Graham Brady MP and former CBI chief John Cridland. For more information on the Biz Club and forthcoming events visit: www.thebizclub.co.uk

2019 PATRON **GEOFFREY POINTON**



Geoffrey Pointon is a local boy, born and educated in Leicester before serving his national service in the RAF Regiment, mostly in Germany.

Geoffrey founded Pointon York in 1971 and over the following 40 years the Group developed and sold several specialist financial services businesses including Lloyds insurance broking and banking. However, Geoffrey is best known for his activities in growing pensions and asset management

businesses, particularly those offering self-administered schemes, with Pointon York SIPPS being sold to Curtis Banks in October 2014. Geoffrey served as Deputy Chairman of NASDIM and FIMBRA and was a councillor of the City of London, of which he is a Freeman.

Geoffrey was a co-founder of The Biz Club in 2007. This local organisation provides networking opportunities for business owners with the aim of increasing profitable growth of the smaller business sector. It also develops and encourages communication between politicians and business people. This is where Geoffrey met Terry Forsey who formed the Travers Foundation in 2012.

Geoffrey was impressed the innovative approach to building a charity from scratch and run entirely by volunteers. Geoffrey said, "This enterprising vision has helped scores of local young people to achieve their goals using grit, determination and talent to help put Rutland, Leicestershire and Northamptonshire on the map."

Geoffrey is a long-time supporter of Leicester Tigers as well as an enthusiastic supporter of the arts. It was the combination of these interests which drove accept the role of Patron of The Travers Foundation for 2019.

OUR TRUSTEES



TERRY FORSEY

sales and marketing guru and golfer



WILLIAM SHARMAN

110 metres hurdles multi medal winner



MARTIN MCEVOY

opera singer, vocal coach and broadcaster



GARY TAIT

employment lawyer and golfer



BRUCE DONALD

sales manager, iron man & ex-professional rugby player

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2018 in Numbers

Money Spent:
£30,187



We have helped

64

13 to 30 year olds

96



Gold

56



Silver

43



Bronze

Sports



**Performing
Arts**