



I'm passionate about this project because flying has always been my passion, but using my skills to save lives makes it even more meaningful," Gordon shares. "Seeing the direct impact of these flights—whether it's a dog getting a second chance at life or a family finding their new pet—drives me to keep volunteering. I believe aviation can be a tool for Mitzvot, and Pilots N' Paws allows me to combine my love for flying with a mission that truly makes a difference."

Wherever life takes them, Davis alumni are creating positive change, and this grant helps further their impact. In addition to financial support, recipients receive marketing and media resources to amplify their work and inspire others. We are excited to celebrate these young leaders as they continue to carry Davis values beyond their years at The Davis Academy.

Pilots N' Paws—Levi Gordon '21

Levi Gordon, now a senior at The Weber School, has been passionate about aviation since childhood. He trained at Centennial Aviation Academy, a nationally ranked flight school at Peachtree DeKalb Airport, and began flying while in middle school at Davis. Now working toward a Commercial Pilot License, he plans to pursue a career in aviation management with a focus on using aviation as a force for good.

Pilots N' Paws. Gordon is an active volunteer pilot with Pilots N Paws, a nonprofit organization that connects pilots with animal rescue groups to transport at-risk pets to safe shelters or adoptive homes. As a licensed private pilot, he donates his time and aircraft to fly rescue missions, relocating animals from overcrowded shelters or euthanasia-risk situations

to areas where they have a better chance of finding a home. He has flown multiple missions, including a recent flight in which he transported six dogs from Georgia to Florida, saving them from euthanasia. In addition to animal rescue, he has participated in hurricane relief efforts, using his piloting skills to deliver supplies to communities in need.

With the support of this grant, Levi will be able to fly more rescue missions by covering essential flight-related expenses, such as fuel costs. While he donates his time and aircraft, each flight carries significant costs, and this funding will enable him to increase the number of animals he can transport to safety. Each mission has the potential to save multiple dogs or cats, providing them with a second chance at life. Additionally, his efforts raise awareness about animal rescue and highlight the vital role general aviation can play in humanitarian work. By expanding his reach, Gordon hopes to inspire other young pilots to get involved in volunteer flying.

Levi's commitment to animal rescue and humanitarian efforts is an inspiration, proving that when passion is paired with purpose, the sky is truly the limit.