Craig Matthew Childers Fund for Electric Vehicle Technology and Policy

Craig Childers brought zero-emission vehicles closer to the mainstream through his work, volunteer activities, personal example, and infectious enthusiasm. With his passing on August 22, 2013, the world lost a wonderful engineer, expert, educator and human being. To perpetuate his legacy, Craig’s friends and family have come together to create the Craig Matthew Childers Fund for Electric Vehicle Technology and Policy (“Craig Childers Fund”) at UC Davis.

In keeping with Craig's own career, his lifelong love of cars, and his desire to reduce air pollution and stem the world’s over-dependence on fossil fuels, the fund will support UC Davis students advancing zero-emission electric vehicle technology and policy. The fund may be used to support student projects, undergraduate scholarships, graduate student fellowships, and internships that engage students with UC Davis faculty and institutions worldwide that promote EVs.

The Craig Childers Fund will be allocated to provide the highest level of impact to advance electric vehicle technology and policy. This determination will be made by a committee established by the director of the UC Davis Institute of Transportation Studies (ITS-Davis), and will be subject to her or his final approval. All uses will recognize the Craig Childers Fund as their source of support.

The fund has been established as an endowment fund at the UC Davis Foundation. Approximately four percent of the endowment’s principal will be available for use each year. The fund will be managed so that its annual payout keeps pace with inflation.

Please join us in supporting this effort. Our initial fundraising goal is $250,000. Gifts at all levels, pledges (up to five years), planned gifts, and gifts of stock or real property may be made to the fund at this time. Checks payable to UC Davis Foundation (“Childers Fund” in memo section) may be mailed or brought to: Joe Krovoza, UC Davis Institute of Transportation Studies, 1605 Tilia Street, Suite 100, Davis, California 95616. Gifts may be made online via giving.ucdavis.edu/its/ChildersFund.

For more information on making a gift or pledge, please contact Craig’s brother Doug Childers (douglass.childers@hanes.com); at ITS-Davis Joe Krovoza (530/754-6006 or jfkrovoza@ucdavis.edu); Craig’s great friend in Davis Randy Mager (530/304-6621 or randy_mager@comcast.net); or ARB colleague Elise Keddie (ekeddie@arb.ca.gov).

Thank you in advance for your partnership in memorializing Craig’s wonderful legacy.

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