

HUNTER W. CORBIN

HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE

If you ask Hunter Corbin what captivated him about Frost Valley YMCA and inspired him to become involved in the organization, he will give you a number of reasons, including diversity, both in staff and guests, as well as commitment – a commitment to helping the staff grow as people and leaders, and to having guests leave feeling more confident and accomplished than when they came. Numerous attributes made Hunter an ideal trustee, as he is a man whose generosity, diligent spirit, and tenacious work ethic has left an eternal impact on Frost Valley.

Hunter's first introduction to Frost Valley was through his place of business, The Hyde and Watson Foundation, a non-profit organization that often awarded grants to Frost Valley. After joining Hyde and Watson in 1984 as Vice President, he was responsible for reviewing grant appeals and assisting in the management of the Foundation's investment portfolio. In 1998, Hunter became president of the Foundation and remained in that position until 2009 when he retired. Today he maintains an active volunteer role on the Foundation's board.



Hunter had a personal connection to Frost Valley as well. Corbin Day, Hunter's cousin, was a trustee and knew that his likeminded spirit and expertise working on the board of other non-profits would allow him to make an immense impact. He suggested that he get more involved, and in 1996, Hunter obliged. Hunter came to Frost Valley with a background in finance and had experience raising money for other organizations. When the idea of a capital campaign was discussed, he joined board members Paul Guenther and R. Fenn Putman and served as Vice Chair of the Build Strong capital campaign committee. The committee agreed that with thousands of guests visiting Frost Valley each year, work was needed on Frost Valley's facilities, with a specific emphasis on the Guenther Family Wellness Center. Hunter worked to secure donations from board members, foundations, and many other donors. He was a driving force in the success of Frost Valley's "Build Strong" capital campaign. Fast-forward 20 years later, and Hunter has left a significant mark on Frost Valley, even having a road named after him, Hunter Lane.



Although Hunter left the board in 2008, he has played a role behind the scenes for numerous years as a development consultant. He has served on many institutions' Board of Directors, including The Charles E. and Joy C. Pettinos Foundation, the Riverview Foundation, and most recently, the E.J. Grassmann Trust while also volunteering with the Pine Lands Preservation Alliance.

"I thought it was so neat that someone from Summit or Short Hills, NJ would share a cabin and an experience with someone from the Bronx," Hunter explained, when asked what attracted him to Frost Valley's operation. The idea that two people who would never typically cross paths could

encounter each other at Frost Valley was something he wanted to support. If you ask Hunter what makes Frost Valley so special, he will tell you that Frost Valley is not necessarily unique in what it does, but rather, it is unique in how its done. Hunter has always been intrigued by the diversity of Frost Valley's programs, including the environmental education program, healthy living and forest management, as well as the dedication and commitment of the staff. And that is why he gave that same dedication and commitment while serving on the Board of Trustees for 12 years and in his ceaseless support to Frost Valley ever since. For those reasons, on this day, we are honored to induct Hunter Corbin into the Frost Valley YMCA Hall of Fame.