TONY HITSCHLER INVESTS IN CRITICAL THINKING FOR THE FUTURE OF OUR U.S. DEMOCRACY

"I’m convinced that education is the answer to whether our U.S. democracy will succeed," says Tony Hitschler. "To have a strong democracy, we need an educated population that can think critically." At 81-years old, Hitschler is not only an avid philanthropist (and skier) but an angel impact investor with Social Venture Circle to the tune of $500k annually in education initiatives, and a few health and environment-focused innovations to boot. A Greater Philadelphia Region native and long-time resident, Hitschler is no stranger to looking beyond short-term, conventional thinking. As the founder and CEO of Brandywine Asset Management Company (now Brandywine Global with $70B in assets under management), he built a world-class investment company on the power of ‘value investing’ - seeing long-term potential where others see risk. For Tony and his wife, Lynn, investing in risk and innovation is worth the reward - not just for possible financial gains and positive impact, but also for supporting young entrepreneurs in living their dreams.

Tony is an entrepreneur, philanthropist, and angel impact investor with Social Venture Circle’s local Philadelphia Chapter.

Tony is based in Delaware County, and makes investments into local enterprises as well as enterprises across the U.S.

Beyond his philanthropic contributions, Tony makes direct equity investments into social enterprises to the tune of $500k each year.

Learn about two education-focused social enterprises that Tony’s invested in: KickUp at kickup.co and Edovo at edovo.com.

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Did you know?

Education decreases recidivism by 43%, but 4 out of 5 individuals in custody do not have regular access to education. Source: edovo.com

Alignment to Sustainable Development Goals

3 Good Health and Wellbeing
4 Quality Education
12 Responsible Consumption and Production

43%