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I love creating. Ever since I was a young boy I've enjoyed making art of all forms. Various ideas constantly flow into my mind and grasp my attention as I move through the day. It's as if there is a river flowing through my head, only to cease when my body goes to rest. I have crafted all kinds of art, from photos of Times Square manifested with beautiful lights to music videos in the heart of downtown.

When I brushed the dust off of an old K1000 Pentax Film Camera and began taking photos, the creative side of me was exposed, leading to more creative outlooks than I could have ever imagined. As I dipped the B&W photo paper into the developer, a skeleton of the images began to slowly emerge. A sense of exultant energy rushed through me. "The photo Gods have finally blessed you!" said my photography teacher, Mr. Ausherman, who knew it had taken me about twenty-five times to get it right. That first image was one of thousands of photos that I would continue to build on as I grew. Every bit of free time that I had became a chance to capture a moment in time, whether that be having an adventure with friends on a hot summer day, or relaxing and enjoying a clear waterfall cascading from a cliff. I eventually developed my photography skills into a profitable business by taking portraits and creating videos for people from all over New Mexico. I met a lot of interesting people and learned a little something about business at the same time.

This has motivated me to bring my community together. At 17 I leveraged my social media, as well as my friends, to spark a creative collective of artists of all sorts from around New Mexico and even the world. The goal is to link a multitude of creative people together as one and have them help each other evolve as artists. There are musicians, photographers, producers, videographers, social media influencers, writers, and many more. We host events all over the city of Albuquerque; such as art shows, concerts, and even community fundraisers for

creative people that don't necessarily have the funds to pursue their passion. All in hopes of bringing the creative youth together.

As I grow further into adulthood, I hope to continue my creative journey as well as my motivation to bring people together at Columbia College Chicago, a school where creativity is key. I want to study photography and marketing in hopes of creating a social media marketing agency that can help to develop as well as further companies that help to make the world a better place. I also wish to start my own companies such as a water company that is 100% eco-friendly and a clothing company that promotes positive change. Since a young age, my desire to create and inspire positive change has been the engine that keeps me going, even when the drive is tough.