



CENTER FOR
HEIRS' PROPERTY®

Rightfully home.

15th Annual Danielle Hope Watson Commitment to Justice

Thursday,
September 17th, 2026

Sponsorship Packet

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About the Center for Heirs' Property® Rightfully Home. Rooted in Legacy. Growing the Future.

The Center for Heirs' Property® (CHP) empowers families and small-acreage landowners to protect what matters most—the roof over their heads and the land under their feet. Through legal services, education, and sustainable land use strategies, CHP helps families secure ownership and turn their land into a generational asset.

Our Vision

A nation where every family can enjoy the legacy of home—securing ownership, protection, and prosperity for generations to come.



Why This Work Matters

Heirs' property is one of the greatest threats to generational landownership. Millions of acres remain at risk, and families without clear title are often unable to access capital, disaster relief, or critical services. This is not just a legal issue—it is a matter of stability, opportunity, and economic mobility.

Our Impact

Since 2005, CHP has delivered measurable results:

- **6,241 families** provided with free, one-hour advice and counsel
- **453 titles resolved**, securing **\$34.1 M+** in family land
- **2,213 simple wills drafted** at our Free Wills Clinics
- **650+ families owning in excess of 40,000 acres** have benefited from our forestry education and technical assistance



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5:30 PM ET Networking/cocktail hour

6:30 PM ET program begins

History of Danielle Hope Watson Commitment to Justice Award Reception

The Center for Heirs' Property® (CHP) inaugurated the annual "Danielle Hope Watson Commitment to Justice" Award Reception in the spring of 2011. The purpose of the event is two-fold:

- 1) To honor a remarkable humanitarian and standard bearer of justice whose work has impacted South Carolina.
- 2) To raise awareness about CHP.



Danielle Hope Watson

In 2022, CHP's Danielle Hope Watson Commitment to Justice Award was named in honor of Danielle Hope Watson. Hope began working with the Center for Heirs' Property® in 2014 as an outreach coordinator. Her personality, the relationships she developed within the

role, and her knowledge of the law helped her transition easily to become a staff attorney for CHP. She became a formidable attorney providing legal education, advice and counsel, and extended legal services to heirs' property owners across our service area. Unfortunately, Hope left us way too early and passed away in 2021. CHP honors the lasting mark her work left on the organization and how it helped shape its development during her tenure. Hope's passion and commitment to justice and protecting family land for families was unwavering.

The event has since attracted 250 guests each year to honor recipients, including:

- Judge Richard E. Fields
- Judge Alex Sanders
- Dr. Theodore S. Stern
- Ret. Chief Justice Ernest A. Finney, Jr.
- Honorable Lucille S. Whipper
- Ret. Chief Justice Jean H. Toal
- Rev. McKinley Washington, Jr.
- Judge Bernard Fielding
- Armand Derfner, Esq.
- Christine Osburn Jackson
- Dr. Millicent E. Brown
- Rev. Nelson B. Rivers III
- David J. Dennis Sr.
- Cecelia Gordon Rogers

Danielle Hope Watson

Commitment to Justice Award Honoree:



Anton Gunn

The Center for Heirs' Property® (CHP) is proud to present the Danielle Hope Watson Commitment to Justice Award, honoring individuals who demonstrate an unwavering commitment to equity, leadership, and service in their communities.

This year, we are honored to recognize Anton Gunn as the 15th Annual Danielle Hope Watson Commitment to Justice Award recipient. Anton Gunn is a nationally recognized leadership and culture expert who helps leaders build trust, inspire teams, and drive meaningful impact. With a distinguished career spanning public service, healthcare, and executive leadership, Anton has consistently broken barriers while advancing opportunities for others.

A trailblazer from an early age, Anton became the youngest CEO of a statewide nonprofit advocacy organization at just 27. He

later made history as the first African American elected to the South Carolina Legislature from his district. His leadership continued on the national stage as a senior advisor to President Barack Obama and as a presidential appointee at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, where he served as Director of External Affairs.

Anton also made history in healthcare as the first African American C-level executive at the Medical University of South Carolina Health System (MUSC Health), earning recognition as one of the Ten Most Influential Minority Executives in Healthcare. Today, he is a sought-after advisor and speaker, working with organizations across the country to develop strong leaders and build resilient, purpose-driven cultures.

Throughout his career, Anton has remained deeply committed to advancing equity, strengthening communities, and creating pathways for opportunity. His work reflects the very spirit of the Commitment to Justice Award—championing fairness, expanding access, and inspiring transformative change.

At CHP, we believe that land is more than property—it is legacy, opportunity, and a foundation for generational wealth. Through legal services, education, and sustainable land use strategies, CHP works alongside families to protect heirs' property and ensure it remains a source of stability and prosperity for future generations. This commitment reflects the very spirit of the Danielle Hope Watson Commitment to Justice Award. Like Anton Gunn, CHP's work is rooted in expanding opportunity, strengthening communities, and advancing equity in ways that create lasting change across generations.

We invite you to join us in honoring Anton Gunn and supporting CHP's mission to preserve land, protect family ownership, and build a more just and equitable future. Your sponsorship directly supports this critical work while aligning your organization with a powerful commitment to community, legacy, and impact.

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Sponsorship Opportunities

Presenting Sponsor – \$20,000 (Exclusive)

- Naming rights: “Danielle Hope Watson Commitment to Justice presented by [Company Name]”
- Premier logo placement on all event materials and promotions
- Opportunity to provide remarks during the program
- Prominent recognition in media, press releases, and event program
- Featured recognition in annual report
- Full integration into event social media campaign
- Website recognition for one (1) year
- 16 VIP tickets (two reserved tables)
- Verbal recognition during the event

Leadership Sponsor – \$10,000

- Prominent logo placement on all event materials
- Recognition in program, press, and digital promotions
- Inclusion in social media campaign
- Website recognition for one (1) year
- Verbal recognition during the event
- 8 tickets together (one premium reserved table)

Champion Sponsor – \$5,000

- Logo placement on event materials
- Recognition in event program and marketing collateral
- Social media recognition (1–2 posts)
- Website recognition for one (1) year
- Verbal recognition during the event
- 6 tickets at a reserved table

Advocate Sponsor – \$2,500

- Name/logo listed on event materials
- Recognition in event program
- Social media acknowledgment
- Website recognition (6–12 months)
- 4 tickets together

Partner Sponsor – \$1,000

- Name listed on event materials
- Social media recognition
- Website listing
- 2 tickets together



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Sponsorship Pledge Form

I agree to sponsor the “Danielle Hope Watson Commitment to Justice” Award Reception honoring Anton Gunn on Thursday, September 17th, 2026, at the following level (check one):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Presenting Sponsor - \$20,000
(Exclusive) | <input type="checkbox"/> Champion Sponsor - \$5,000 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Leadership Sponsor - \$10,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> Advocate Sponsor – \$2,500 |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Partner Sponsor - \$1,000 |

By signing below, I agree to be a sponsor for the CHP’s “*Danielle Hope Watson Commitment to Justice*” event at the level indicated above. Sponsorships pledged by July 31, 2026, will be acknowledged in event materials and other associated benefits with sponsorship level.

Company/Individual Name (as you wish the gift to be acknowledged)

Company/Individual Address

Company Rep./Individual Name

Email _____ Phone _____

Signature _____ Date _____

All sponsorships must be pledged by **July 31, 2026** to ensure inclusion in event materials and other associated benefits with the selected sponsorship level. Full payment must be received by **August 28, 2026**.

To pay online, visit: <https://bit.ly/2026CTJ>

Checks should be made payable and mailed to:

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