



Larry Connor

[Larry Connor](#) is an accomplished private pilot who has flown more than 16 different aircraft, including an F-5 fighter jet, and is a rated helicopter pilot. He has won five aerobatic competitions and participated in multiple U.S. National Aerobatic Championships.

Connor is also an accomplished racecar driver, and his wide and varied career includes more than 70 race wins in formula, sports and off-road racing vehicles. He is a two-time winner of the Baja 1000 and Baja 500 in the Trophy Truck Spec class. In 2015, he completed a perfect season in the SCORE Off-Road Racing Series, winning all five events and bringing home the championship, a feat that only has been accomplished three times in the 50-year history of the series. Connor is also a two-time Formula Atlantic National Champion in 2000 and 2001, and in 2003 he won Petit Le Mans at Road Atlanta in the LMP2 class.

A real estate and technology entrepreneur, Connor has grown [The Connor Group](#) from \$0 to \$3.3 billion in assets since 1992. The company, which owns and operates luxury apartment communities, has been recognized as a top-50 workplace nationally by Glassdoor, as well as a multi-award winner nationally by Comparably (Best Company for Women, Best Culture and Best Compensation).

In April 2020, Connor made headlines after giving all \$1.6M of his recent stock market gains to his employees in the form of bonuses amidst the COVID-19 pandemic.

He co-founded two fintech companies, including First Billing Services, a leader in online payment platforms and bill processing that provides services to over a million consumers representing utilities, government, multi-family, and service industries. Connor and his partner sold the business in 2018 for \$57.5 million.

In 2007, Connor founded [The Connor Group Kids & Community Partners](#). The organization makes investments in high-potential causes and leverages those investments with in-kind expertise and resources to create great programs – specifically programs that help pull children out of generational poverty. Over the next 10 years, Kids & Community Partners plans to invest more than \$300 million in non-profit work. In 2020, Kids & Community Partners announced plans to open Ohio's first private non-religious school exclusively for under-resourced students.

Connor has been featured on Good Morning America and Yahoo Finance, as well as in the USA Today and People Magazine. He also appeared on the July 2020 cover of Entrepreneur Magazine. He has been recognized as the Ernst and Young Entrepreneur of the Year and is a Dayton Business Hall of Fame inaugural inductee and recipient of the 2020 Dayton Business Journal Philanthropy Award.