Open Field Entrepreneurs Fund Award Recipients

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AbiliLife, Pittsburgh, PA
AbiliLife is a company dedicated to designing and developing products to improve the quality of life for patients with Parkinson's and other neurodegenerative diseases as well as those in the elderly community. (Courtney Williamson, 2014, Tepper, and Britta Ulm, 2014, Computer Science)

AEDreams, Pittsburgh, PA
AEDreams designs children's products that integrate digital technologies into screenless toys that encourage imaginative playtime for kids and families. Turtle Mail, AEDreams first product, is a physical mailbox for kids that prints messages from family members, fictional characters, or even their beloved toys, along with activity content that fosters hands-on playtime. (Alysia Finger, 2014 Tepper and College of Fine Arts, and Niko Triulzi, 2010, College of Fine Arts)

ConnectWith, Pittsburgh, PA
ConnectWith is a professional network building service that connects four unacquainted people over lunch for purposeful conversation. ConnectWith uses social engineering and social graph analyses to diagnose and improve a company's internal professional network. (Will Lutz, 2015, Tepper).

MedControl Technologies, Pittsburgh, PA
MedControl Technologies is improving medication adherence and preventing prescription drug abuse and addiction after the prescription enters the patient's hands. MedControl's first product is a portable/pocket-sized, secure pill bottle that requires biometric (fingerprint) verification of the user's presence to allow restricted access to medication according to an intended regimen. (David Joasnos, 2013, Tepper)

Rorus, Pittsburgh, PA
Rorus produces next-generation water purifiers using new technology and proprietary designs. Rorus’ first product, the Device for Emergency Water (DEW), is a personal water filter that's cheaper and more efficient to deploy after a natural disaster. Their first market is hydrological disaster relief in India, a $1.4 billion market, with plans to expand into point-of-use water filtration, a $14 billion global market. (Corinne Clinch, 2014, Engineering, and Uriel Eisen, 2015, Industrial Design)