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GRAPHIC DESIGN // 2022

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I'M LAURA!

I'm a multi-disciplinary graphic designer with 7+ years of experience in marketing, brand, digital, and print design, with a strong knack for managing multiple projects and an eagerness to learn. I thrive in any fast-paced environment—independently or as part of a team—while bringing flexible problem-solving, a sharp eye for details, and plenty of snacks to share.

EDUCATION

Edinboro University of PA

BFA Applied Media Arts, Graphic Design
Graduated with Magna Cum Laude Honors, May 2014

CERTIFICATIONS

Google UX Design Professional Certificate
Google x Coursera, Expected September 2022

Responsive Web Design Certification www.freeCodeCamp.org, March 2020

Fundamentals of Digital Marketing Certification Google Digital Garage, July 2020

DESIGN EXPERIENCE

Designed.Co // Senior Designer

February 2022 to Present // Remote
Responsible for art directing, designing, and
communicating on all assigned projects, with a
variety of client needs ranging from print collateral,
digital ads, brand development, and more

Freelance Graphic Designer

March 2013 to March 2022 Supported a diverse range of clients independently with a wide range of design and creative needs, including print and digital design, packaging, UI/UX, brand strategy and design, photography, and front-end development

Stars and Stripes Europe *Visual Information Specialist*

January 2019 to February 2021
Kaiserslautern, Germany
Specialized in art directing, designing, and producing magazines for the American military community stationed in Europe, while collaborating with departments in creating ads, campaigns, and marketing assets

YETI Coolers // Graphic Designer

July 2016 to February 2018 // Austin, TX

Collaborated with the in-house Creative Team and cross-functionally with internal departments, and conceptualized brand projects, ranging from web and social assets, packaging, sales materials, e-mail templating, retail displays, and motion graphics

GC Agency // Designer

October 2015 to May 2016 // Austin, TX
Worked closely with the art director in presenting
creative solutions to clients, with needs such as
web and UI design, social media management,
content strategy, front-end development, and print
collateral design

Cotton Bureau // Design Coordinator

May 2014 to September 2015 // Pittsburgh, PA
Responsible for communicating with designers
and preparing all apparel designs for the online
e-commerce platform, from mockup creation,
product data input, and file preparation

MAYA Design // Visual Design Intern

Summer 2014 // Pittsburgh, PA
Assisted in the creation of collateral for a web and printed case studies, participated as a designer in client projects, and studied human-centered design research strategies

Full Stop Interactive // Intern

Summer 2013 // Pittsburgh, PA
Contributed to brainstorming and designing for
client projects and their t-shirt businesses

PALATIAL BREWING

HOW I HELPED

Logo + Branding Design
Packaging Design
Web Design
Copywriting

THE CLIENT

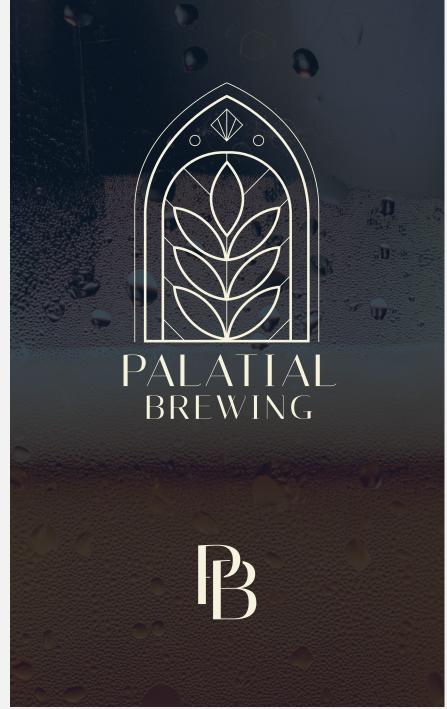
Palatial Brewing is on a mission to brew beer the way our ancestors intended. They use only the finest, organic ingredients, lovingly brewing small batches of traditional recipes from all over the world. In need of a logo and branding, Palatial Brewing was looking for a visual style that felt just as luxurious and simple as their brewing style.

FUN FACT:

I lived in Germany for 3 years and acquired a cuckoo clock, and a new found appreciation of beer.







YETI COOLERS

HOW I HELPED

Marketing Support

Email Design

Print + Digital Design

Packaging Design

Photo Retouching

Video Production + Editing

THE CLIENT

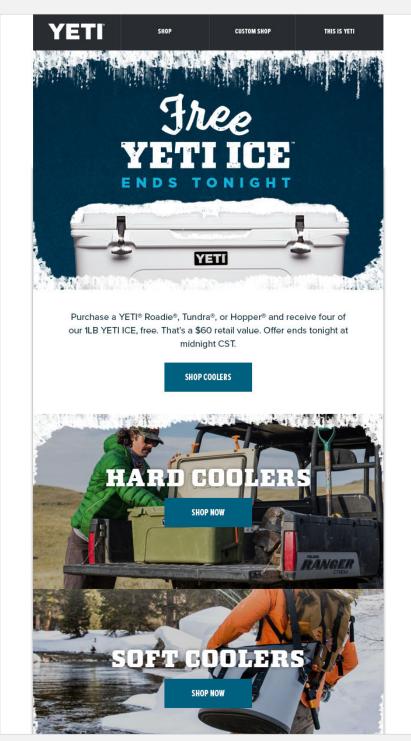
During my time in Austin, TX, I worked as a part of the badass creative team at YETI Coolers. Known most famously for their superior coolers and drinkware, the marketing needs continuously range from e-mails, sale sheets, publications, website assets, and even more, to accomodate the growing product lines. With the help of an on-site photo studio, the team also provided product photography, photo retouching, and video production for the more immediate business needs.

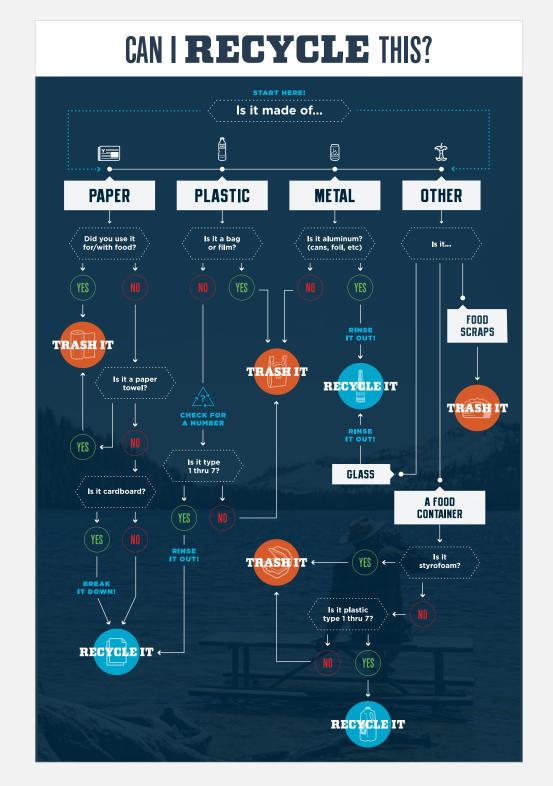
FUN FACT:

At YETI, not all 500+ coworkers knew my name, but they knew that I was the woman with the giant Stormtrooper sticker in her back seat window.

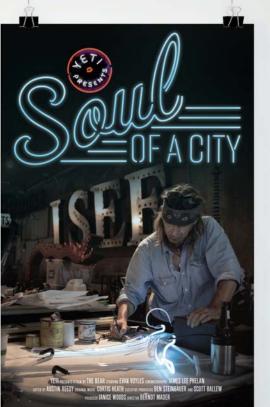










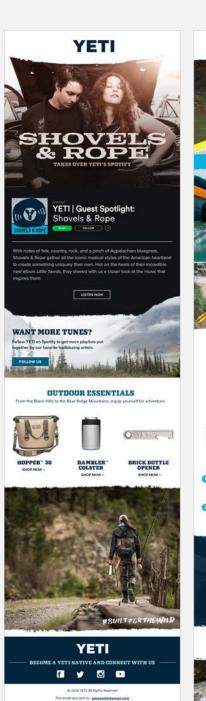








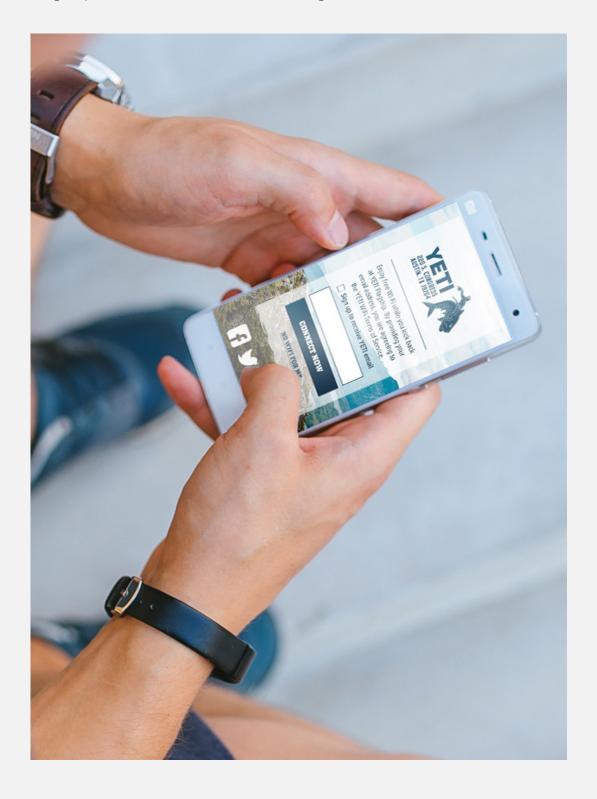
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FIRE & FLAVOR

HOW I HELPED

Packaging Design
Print + Digital Design
Production Design

THE CLIENT

Fire & Flavor's flagship product is their sustainable grilling system—the HERO Grill. With a focus on making the fun of grilling more portable, ecofriendly, and accessible, the folks of Fire & Flavor took the extra step to get even more out of their biodegradable, single-use charcoal tray. By offering refill sleeves of their charcoal briquets, the tray can now be used up to 5 times. The first step together involved redesigning the old refill packaging. With an updated look in place, I created a system of social media and e-commerce assets focusing on the extended reusability of the product.

FUN FACT:

If I had to pick a favorite hero character, I'd have to say The Doctor from Doctor Who. I have a tattoo to prove it.







GET MORE OUT OF THE WITH

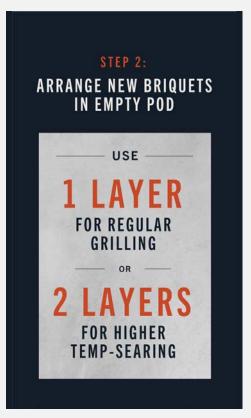
COMPOSTABLE POD BRIQUETS

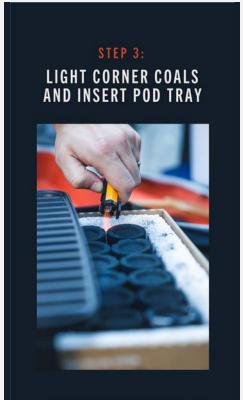
WATERPROOF SLEEVE

MAKES STORAGE

SAFE & EASY

CHARCOAL





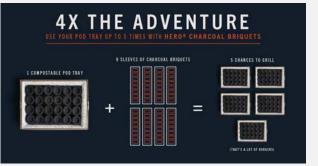












COTTON BUREAU

HOW I HELPED

Apparel Design
Email Design
Illustration
Design Coordination

THE CLIENT

Headquartered in Pittsburgh, PA, Cotton Bureau is a t-shirt company with a well-curated library of designs to choose from, all submitted from designers and illustrators. As their design coordinator, I helped designers finalize their t-shirt submissions, from shirt color selection to information input. As a freelance designer, I created a variety of illustrations for the Cotton Bureau "T-Shirt Tuesday" email series, as well as for the United Pixelworkers Local shirt series.

FUN FACT:

I have the folks at Cotton Bureau to thank for starting my design career off right. Thank you, Jay + Nate!



AUSTIN CIVIC ORCHESTRA

HOW I HELPED

Event Branding
Event Collateral Design
Print Design
Social Media Assets

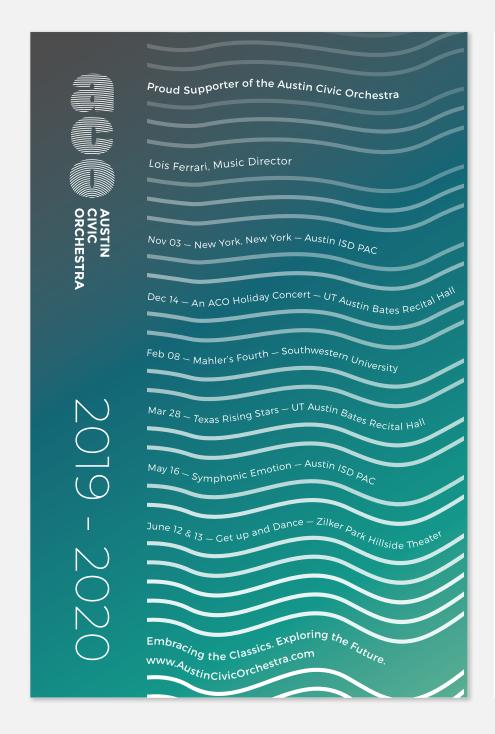
THE CLIENT

The Austin Civic Orchestra (ACO) is a volunteer-based orchestra that plans and hosts multiple concerts a year. We start off each season with a theme—each concert's music selections relate back to the overall theme in some way or another. Every individual concert then requires its own branding and event collateral, which includes digital assets to share the event and a printed poster to spread around the local area.

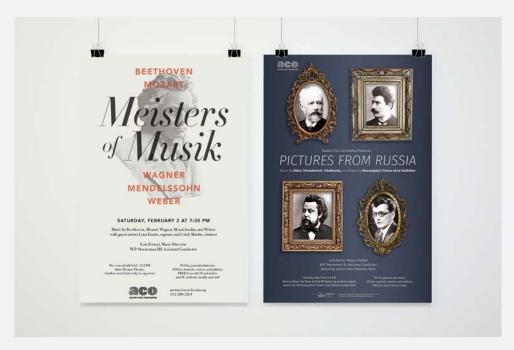
FUN FACT:

I've designed collateral for 15+ of ACO's concerts since 2017. That's a lot of music.











TIKO

HOW I HELPED

Branding + Strategy

Visual Design

Email Marketing

Digital Advertisement Design

Photo Retouching

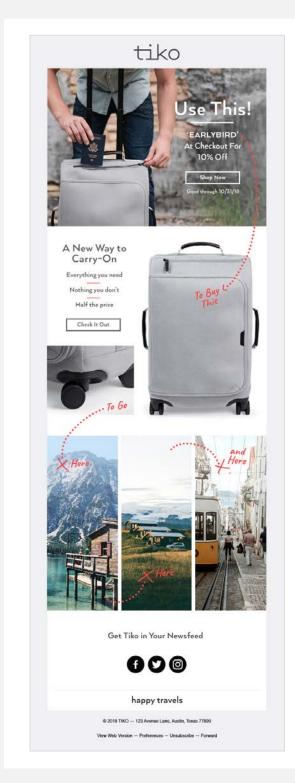
Copywriting

THE CLIENT

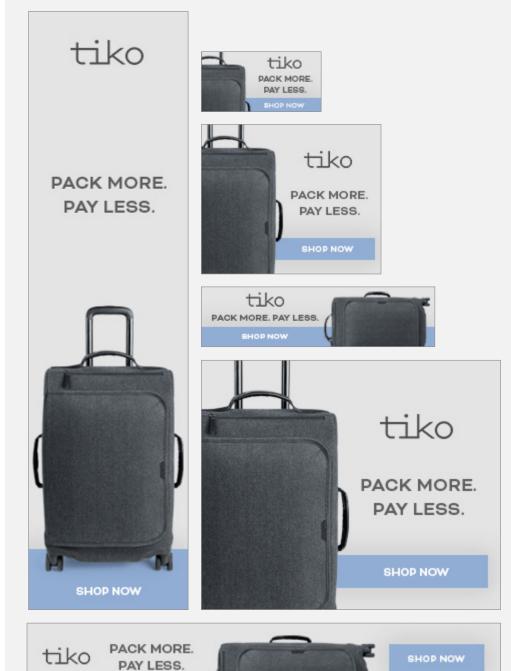
Tiko's mission was to help the everday traveler fit more into less without breaking the bank, starting with their carry-on luggage. In my work with them, they provided the start to a brand identity which I expanded upon. My main focus was creating a series of templated emails and digital ads, while also assisting with other creative needs such as copywriting and photo retouching.

FUN FACT:

With no plan on stopping, I've visited 16 countries so far. My favorite? England.







LOVESTAT

HOW I HELPED

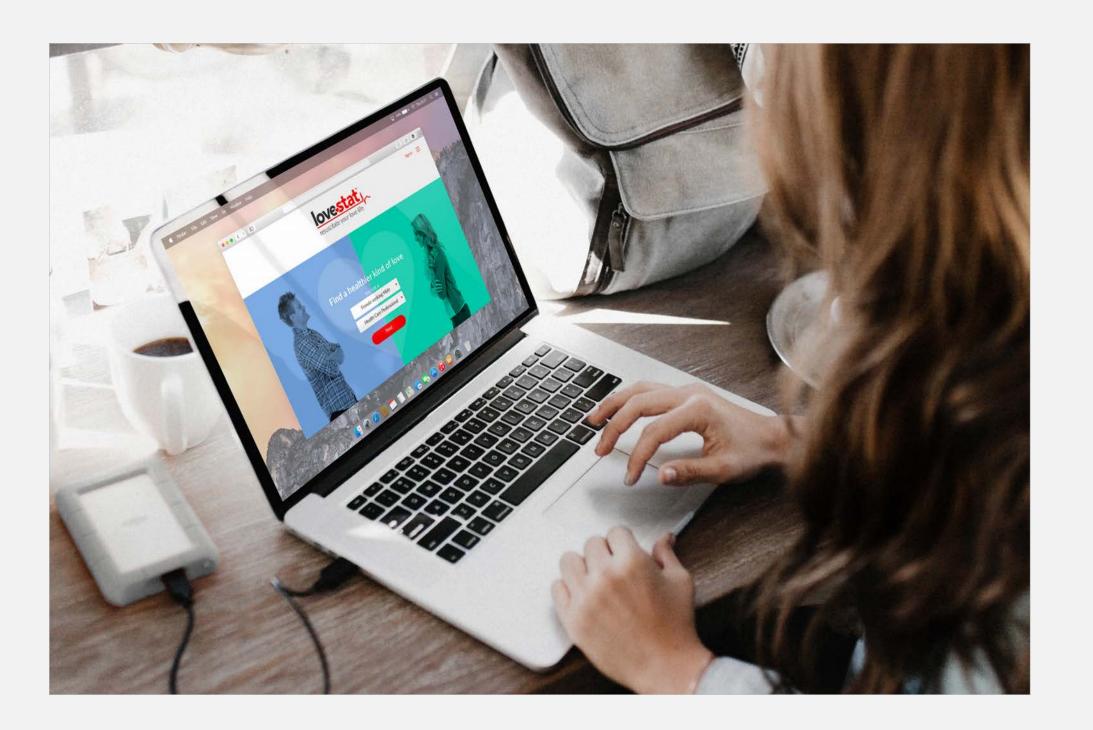
Branding + Strategy
Visual Design
User Interface Design
Social Media Management
Content Creation + Strategy
Copy Writing

THE CLIENT

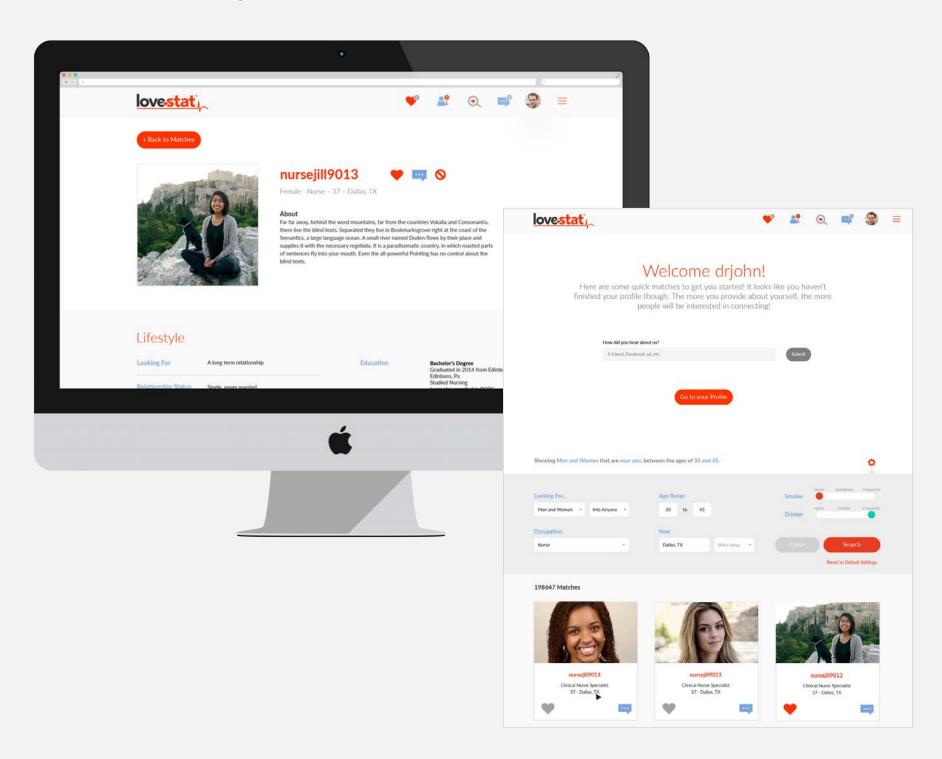
LoveStat is an online dating experience tailored for healthcare professionals and those who promote a healthy lifestyle. GC Agency was tasked with producing the entire creative and marketing direction, from branding to web development to social media management. We worked closely together with the LoveStat team to make sure the website tone and social media content created a seamless campaign.

FUN FACT:

I share my house with 2 furry friends: a neurotic black lab mix named Lilly, and her less enthusiastic feline-sister Misty.



Selected User Interface Designs



Selected Branded Collateral



27 likes

findlovestat Hello love! LoveStat is live and ready for you! We're so excited to be spreading love in the healthcare field on the perfect day for love! Thank you to everyone who has helped us get to this point and thank you to everyone who signed up during our pre-launch!

#findlovestat#onlinedating#date#nurse#doctor#heal thcare#medical#instalove#dating

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findlovestat Don't forget! Find love on February 14th with the official launch of the full LoveStat website! And keep an eye out for us at the Austin Marathon!

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findlovestat LoveStat Dating Tip #024

No matter what date this is—first or 10th—put your phone away when you're with your date. Unless a close relative or friend is having a real emergency, nothing is more important than your date. Did your favorite actor just like your tweet? It can wait, we promise.

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ASIAN FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICES OF AUSTIN

HOW I HELPED

Event Branding Event Collateral Design Print + Digital Marketing Design

THE CLIENT

The Asian Family Support Services of Austin (AFSSA) is a local organization that lends help to its community in the form of various services to victims of sexual assault and domestic violence. They host two major events a year to raise funds, redesigning the event collateral each time, along with distributing various informational pamphlets and cards all year long, in varying Asian languages.

FUN FACT:

When I'm not designing, I'm learning a new skill or craft. My current favorite? Embroidery.



ASIAN LEGEND STATES THAT A WISH IS GRANTED WHEN YOU FOLD 1,000 ORIGAMI CRANES.

Our wish at Asian Family Support Services of Austin (AFSSA) is for peace, health, and safety for everyone in our community. We are asking you to help this wish come true by participating in 1000 Cranes of Peace.

Every year, AFSSA works with a local artist to lead the creation of an original art installation made from 1,000 (or more) origami cranes

artist Teruko Nimura, whose work is inspired by the traditions of Asian and indigenous cultures. Under her artistic direction, we fold more than 1,000 origami cranes for this

take flight as part of the art installation. Crane can be sponsored by groups or individuals for \$10 each. Our goal is raise funds to help

WHY DOES AUSTIN NEED AFSSA?

help - no matter what language they speak

in more than 30 languages: a 24-hour hotline, counseling, transitional housing self-sufficiency programs and more.

on behalf of survivors of trafficking and

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After we fold, every crane needs a sponsor to take flight as part of the art installation. Cranes can be sponsored by groups or individuals for \$10 each. Our goal is raise funds to help survivors of violence. We'll unwell the final installation on Friday, July 13 at Tiffarty & Co.

WHY DOES AUSTIN NEED AFSSA?

We provide direct services to survivors in more than 30 languages: a 24-hour hotline, counseling, transitional housing

to law enforcement and the legal system on behalf of survivors of trafficking and other forms of abuse.

that support survivors.

AFSSA IS A CRITICAL PARTNER IN OUR COORDINATED COMMUNITY RESPONSE TO DOMESTIC ABUSE, SEXUAL ASSAULT, AND HUMAN TRAFFICKING IN AUSTIN/TRAVIS COUNTY.

- Travis County Judge Sarah Eckhard

I WAS SO SCARED OF HIM. I WAS PHYSICALLY, MENTALLY LEAVE BECAUSE I DIDN'T KNOW THE LANGUAGE BUT AFSSA HELPED ME WITH EVERYTHING. THEY SUPPORTED ME IN EVERY SITUATION. WITH IMMIGRATION, WITH LEGAL ISSUES THEY SUPPORTED ME EMOTIONALLY. THEY HELPED ME BE INDEPENDENT, TO STAND ON MY FEET.

- A Former AFSSA Client











STARS AND STRIPES

HOW I HELPED

Visual Design
Content Creation & Strategy
Art Direction
Editorial Design
Project Management

THE CLIENT

Stars and Stripes is an independent US military newspaper organization, focusing on supplying overseas servicemembers with news and information they may not otherwise have access to. I specialized in designing and producing a variety of magazines for the American military community stationed in Europe. Outside of editorial design, the team also supported the Revenue team with creating ads for our sponsors, and the Marketing team with assets for various events, promotional campaigns, and newspaper distribution.

FUN FACT:

I'm not much of a fan of war movies, but I do love a good true crime podcast or horror movie.

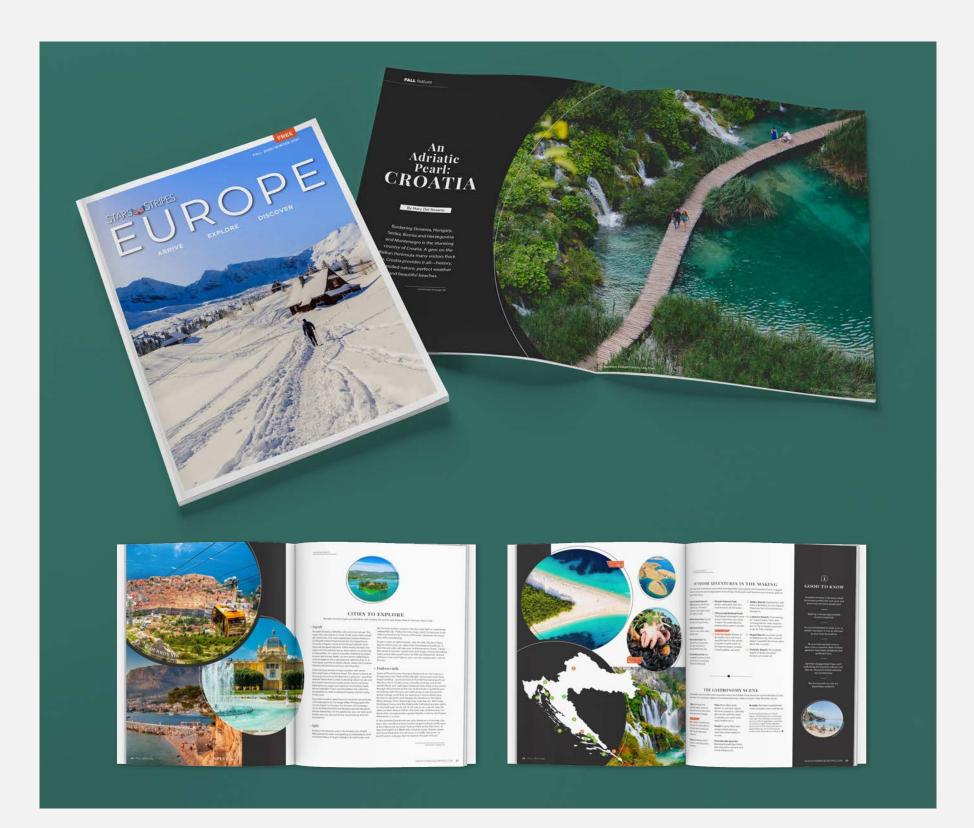


















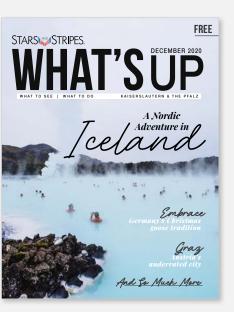


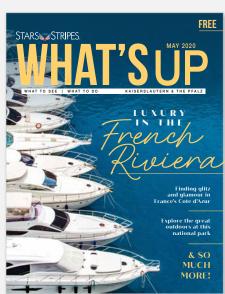






















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