

New Tech Company Crosses Over

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Baltimore, with its numerous universities and medical schools, has long been a city well known for cutting edge medical research. Now, a new tech startup, Boundry, will be opening its doors in a top-secret location in the Hampden neighborhood in 2023, and will house both a research facility and a place to showcase their work to the public.

Their area of expertise? The afterlife.

“As I understand it, the company is developing technology that allows you to choose and customize what you will experience after your death. I was highly skeptical when I first heard about it, but I’ve had several meetings with the director of the company, Dr. Vera Sadilim, and now...well, let’s just say, I’m genuinely curious,” said City Councilwoman Sonia Hernandez, who represents the district in which the Hampden neighborhood lies. “I look forward to visiting their headquarters when they open and seeing things for myself.”

Some residents I spoke to were incredulous. “What they are selling is just crazy,” said local business owner Sam Hess. “Providing you with a custom afterlife? That just sounds like somebody preying on folk’s wishful thinking.”

Other residents are concerned about safety and transparency. “Are these experiments safe?” asked a woman who asked to remain anonymous. “We don’t even know where this lab is located? It’s all so secretive. I’m no conspiracy nut, but it makes you wonder.”

“Look, it may sound out there, but it’s all very safe. We’ve got the best scientists in the U.S., maybe even the world, making this a reality,” countered Alexander Fuld, one of the financial backers of the company. Along with his twin, Barrett, the brothers have invested millions in this new venture. Known for their sponsorship of extreme sports athletes and investment and incorporation of the XTRM streaming platform — featuring events like the annual International Urban Parkour Tournament and the Base

Jumpers: Undisclosed Competition — the Fuld brothers surprised their venture capitalist cohorts by pivoting to this new endeavor. What prompted the switch?

“We were sponsoring ice climber Ross Henson when he had that horrific fall in the 2021 European Ice Championship,” said Barton Fuld. “You may remember that he was in a coma for over eight months, with periods that could only be described as near death — maybe even momentary death. We met with all kinds of doctors and specialists that were brought in to try to revive him, but...well, sadly, he didn’t make it. But that got us interested in the latest therapies to bring back athletes from severe injuries, and that’s how we met Dr. Sadilim.”

Dr. Sadilim, a lauded psychiatrist and thanatologist, will serve not only as the director of Boundry, but also as the lead scientist researching this new technology. Her research has been controversial for over a decade now, earning praise from many, but also fierce criticism from others in the scientific community.

“I’m well aware of how unbelievable this sounds to the layperson, and even some of my colleagues,” said Dr. Sadilim with a laugh. “But consider this: many of the greatest discoveries and breakthroughs in science were met with incredulity, if not downright disdain. But I believe in the work we are pursuing and I feel certain we are on the cusp of something that will change the course of our human experience.”

The Fuld brothers concur. “This is going to change everything,” Alexander Fuld said. “Once the Baltimore headquarters is established, we are planning to expand to the west coast and then nationally, maybe globally.”

The facility is expected to host a research laboratory conducting various experiments and an afterlife showroom that will be open to the public.