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"I Have A Dream" Foundation Announces New Partnership with the Philanthropic Foundation Carnegie Corporation of New York to Empower Underrepresented Youth

New York, NY — April 25, 2025 — The "I Have A Dream" Foundation is proud to announce a new $250,000 grant from the philanthropic foundation Carnegie Corporation of New York, marking the first time the Carnegie has supported the Foundation's mission to provide long-term educational and career support to youth from underrepresented communities.

This 18-month grant, which officially began on April 1, 2025, will focus on advancing post-secondary success and career readiness for Dreamer Scholars in East Harlem, one of the Foundation's most dynamic cohorts.

Founded in 1911 by Andrew Carnegie, Carnegie Corporation of New York has long been committed to philanthropic support for the issues that Carnegie considered most important: education, democracy, and peace.

"Post-secondary support and career readiness have always been cornerstones of our mission," said Lori Canova, Interim President & CEO of the "I Have A Dream" Foundation. "Thanks to the generous support of Carnegie, we are expanding our ability to guide Dreamer Scholars confidently into their next chapters."

The grant will provide critical resources for East Harlem 1 Dreamer Scholars, many of whom are on the cusp of high school graduation or currently pursuing college and trade school pathways. Key components of the grant include:

- **Summer internship opportunities**
- **Stipends to ease education-related financial burdens on families**
- **Scholarship credits to support higher education goals**
- **Weekly program director check-ins for personalized guidance and support**

In addition, younger Dreamer Scholars in grades one through six will also directly benefit from this funding. Resources will be dedicated to:

- **Seed funding for future scholarships**
- **Family workshops on post-secondary topics and career exploration**
- **Career-oriented field trips to ignite early interest in future pathways**

“This investment supports not just our current graduating class of 2025, but also lays a foundation for our youngest Dreamer Scholars—many of whom will graduate in 2037,” said Lori Canova. “It’s about planting seeds of possibility and nurturing the potential in every student.”

The "I Have A Dream" Foundation looks forward to the impact Carnegie’s support will have on the next generation of leaders.

For more information on the "I Have A Dream" Foundation and how you can support our mission, please visit: https://ihaveadreamfoundation.org

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