



January 1, 2017

Happy New Year

Twenty-Seventeen is set to be an exciting New Year for the DREAM It Forward Foundation. We hope that over the holidays each one of you had an opportunity to spend with family, friends, and fellow colleagues with whom you have connected with. Hopefully, everyone had a chance to relax, reflect, and recharge; and are now ready to assume the responsibilities that lie ahead. We speak, with great certainty, that we are prepared and motivated to embrace any new challenges before us and that we will continue to “lead the way” by providing mentoring and youth services to our communities’ youth.

As we embark on this New Year, let us continue to maintain the high momentum we started with over the last few years. Let us keep in mind the importance and significance of community service and volunteerism. We are always looking to collaborate with the residents, community leaders, organizations and schools to provide the best services to our youth. Although we all have different roles and responsibilities and work in different arenas, we are all needed to ensure our youth’s success!

In closing, as we write a new chapter to this story, we will continue to serve our community with pride, work to a level of excellence, show dedication and respect to our team and volunteers, and last but not least, continue to improve the quality of life for our youth.

“Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will never depart from it.” Proverbs 22:6

Warm Regards,

Yaminah Childress, JD

DREAM Angel Project 2016



greatly appreciated!

The DREAM Angel project was a great success! We were able to give toys to over 50 children in and around the Atlanta area. Thank you to everyone who made a toy or monetary donation. Your support is

MLK Day of Service 2017

It is time to rally volunteers for our 2017 MLK Day of Service. The MLK Day of Service is a part of **United We Serve**, the President's national call to service initiative. It calls for Americans from all walks of life to work together to provide solutions to our most pressing national problems. This year, we will be serving dinner at Atlanta Mission. If you are interested in this volunteer opportunity, please email us for sign-up information at info@dreamitff.org on or before **January 9, 2017**.



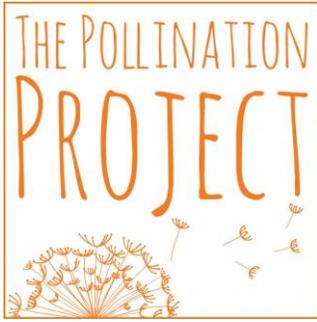
Event details:

When: Monday, January 16, 2017
Where: Atlanta Mission, Atlanta, GA
Time: 4:30 PM to 7:30 PM

“Life’s most persistent question is what are you doing for others?” ~ Dr. Martin Luther King,

Impact Grant 2016

Founder, Yaminah Childress receives her second grant from The Pollination Project and Philanthropist, Alan C. Fox. The Impact Grant funds will be used for a community outreach and fundraising initiative that will spread awareness about the



program, encourage volunteerism, and sustain operations to further impact our most valuable resources, our youth! You can help spread the word, and support the program by becoming a volunteer, mentor, providing a space for operating our programs, or by simply telling a friend.

Community Partnership Opportunities

Would your school, community center, or faith-based organization like to offer a mentoring program to your youth participants? If so, we are looking to partner with you. Through strategic partnerships, we can provide mentoring, tutoring, life-skill training, and healthy meals or snacks to youth across the Atlanta area. If you would like to get more information on creating a lasting partnership, contact us at info@dreamitff.org.

Calling All Volunteers

We are looking for people to volunteer in a variety of positions including mentoring, fundraising, event planning, grant writing, tutoring, and coaching, in the nutrition department, or as a Board Member in Georgia and Illinois. Also, if you are interested in starting a DREAM chapter in your state, we need you too! We are seeking caring, compassionate, and eager team players to join our organization. Anyone interested must love children, and embrace diversity. If this is you, please send a brief letter of interest to the Executive Director with your position of interest. A resume is optional for most positions, but required for those interested in being a Board Member. For volunteer information email volunteer@dreamitff.org.



Happy New Year!
Yaminah Childress, JD
Founder & Executive Director
DREAM It Forward Foundation
www.dreamitff.org