I Have a Dream-Boulder Service Description
Notre Dame AmeriCorps Member – Mentor Coordinator

HOST SITE: “I Have a Dream”® Foundation of Boulder County (“I Have a Dream”)
The "I Have a Dream”/AmeriCorps partnership is the result of a collaboration between "I Have a Dream,” Notre Dame AmeriCorps (NDA), and the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS). NDA and CNCS provide funding and program support that enables “I Have a Dream” to recruit AmeriCorps members to serve communities and youth. “I Have a Dream” is a school drop-out prevention program for low-income youth and is seeking applicants for one full-time AmeriCorps Mentor Coordinator positions for *September 1, 2017 to July 31, 2018.

AmeriCorps Members will help further our ability to deliver services to the youth in our program (“Dreamers”) and their families. In 2017, there will be ten active "I Have a Dream” classes serving over 500 Dreamers in the 1st through 12th grades, and over 100 Dreamers pursuing post-secondary education.

Service Location: Boulder is an extremely vibrant and outdoorsy city that boasts close to 70,000 acres of open space and over 90 miles of trails in a community of roughly 100,000. With over 300 days of sunshine per year, there is always something fun to do in Boulder! Amongst all the beauty and nature, Boulder’s affluent community is experiencing the largest gap between high income and high poverty in Colorado. In these hidden, low-income communities, youth are faced with tremendous obstacles to academic and life success. Serving in Boulder County with the “I Have a Dream” Foundation means providing the youth we serve with the necessary support and trusting relationships they need to close the achievement gap with their more affluent peers and complete high school prepared for higher education and a fulfilling career.

Title: AmeriCorps Member – Mentor Coordinator

Reports to: Director of Volunteers

Responsibilities:

- Recruit to achieve a total (new and on-going) of 350 mentors and 460 tutors each semester.
- Manage the caseload of active mentors, by making regular phone calls and scheduling meetings and supporting mentors.
- Participate in at least 10-12 public events, volunteer fairs, or community presentations reaching local community members to increase awareness of the needs of low-income children and to solicit volunteers.
- Support the Dream Builders Committees by attending the meetings, taking notes, and supporting follow up in their efforts to conduct outreach in their specific communities.
- Participate in Colorado Mentoring Partnership as “I Have a Dream” representative.
- Plan and implement activities to enhance mentor support and networking, including monthly mentor activities for low-income youth and their mentors, compile monthly mentor events calendars, as well as quarterly mentor potlucks, mentor workshops/seminars, and other appropriate activities.
- Organize and facilitate volunteer training sessions, ongoing support groups and volunteer growth opportunities (e.g. monthly in-service trainings, newsletters, e-mail correspondence).
• Plan and implement one meeting at each site, each semester, for all site volunteers (especially tutors) and staff to check-in, collaborate, and identify course adjustments or other items for continuous improvement of programming.
• Provide leadership to ensure that other AmeriCorps members and staff are fully prepared to support and supplement the efforts of volunteer mentors and tutors (to include in-service training sessions).
• Identify and develop eight collaborative partnerships through which to provide workplace internships, interactive learning sessions, educational field trips, and exposure to college opportunities.
• Participate in Colorado Mentoring Partnership as “I Have a Dream” representative.
• Complete reports for AmeriCorps (service hours & monthly reports).
• Maintain volunteer records and files – hardcopy and in database.
• Use social media and other online methods to recruit and retain volunteers.

**Stipend and Benefits:** Full-time members – responsible for 11 months of service, a minimum of 1,700 hours of service during the year will receive the following:

- A **living allowance** of $12,530 (pre-tax) over the course of the service term;
- A National Service Trust **Education Award** of $5,775 (pre-tax), after the successful completion of the term of service, can be used for post-secondary education, vocational school, graduate school, or to pay back student loans;
- Level of service averages **40 hours per week**; evening and weekend service required in exchange for flexible time off;
- **Health insurance** as part of the AmeriCorps health plan; and
- **Child care**, if eligible.

**Volunteer Coordinator will Primarily collaborate with:**

- Other AmeriCorps members and “I Have a Dream” staff
- “I Have a Dream” Volunteers
- Boulder Valley School District
- St. Vrain Valley School District
- University of Colorado
- Front Range Community College
- Boulder County Social Services
- Boulder Housing Partners
- United Way
- Other community organizations

**Training Opportunities Provided:**

- Initial 2-week AmeriCorps Training / Orientation to “I Have a Dream” and NDMVA
- Leadership & Communication
- Diversity & Cultural Competency
- Motivational Interviewing
- Suicide prevention, Abuse Reporting
- Health, Wellness, Nutrition
- Literacy, Math, Tutoring, and Academic Programming Techniques
- Serving low-income, and at-risk youth
- Lesson planning & Classroom Management
- Bi-Monthly on-site AmeriCorps meetings/workshops
- Others as scheduled

**Meeting Schedule:**
● Bi-Weekly Notre Dame AmeriCorps Boulder meetings
● Bi-Monthly "I Have a Dream" Staff Meetings
● Weekly Supervisor/Site Team Meetings
● Partnering Agency meetings as scheduled

Requirements: To be eligible to serve as an AmeriCorps Member, one must be at least 17 years of age; be a U.S. citizen, national, or lawful permanent resident alien; and have a high school diploma or GED. NDMVA prefers that members be at least 21 years of age.

Selection Criteria: We are seeking self-motivated, compassionate applicants who enjoy working with young people and diverse individuals, including Dreamers, their families, "I Have a Dream" staff and sponsors, teachers and school administrators, and members of the community. A bachelor’s degree and/or equivalent experience in education or human services, and bilingual in Spanish is preferred. A clear driving record and a vehicle are required. "I Have a Dream" is an Equal Opportunity Employer. We will conduct the review and interview process until all positions are filled. AmeriCorps applications, resumes and references will be considered as they are received. If you are interested in applying, please submit an online application – instructions are available at www.ndmva.org. You may also contact:

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* The actual start date is dependent on annual approval of federal funding, and on the grant funding cycle, which is determined by the Corporation for National and Community Service.