



1999-2000 Annual Report



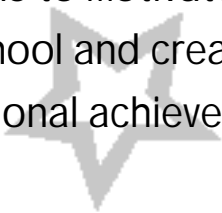
Making Dreamers into Achievers



☆ Mission and Goals



The mission of the I Have a Dream Foundation of Boulder County (IHAD) is to promote educational success and self-sufficiency for children (Dreamers) from high-risk, low-income backgrounds by providing both comprehensive support services to complete high school and assistance for further education. IHAD's primary goal is to motivate socio-economically disadvantaged youth to stay in school and create fulfilling lives through personal, academic, and vocational achievement.



Dreamers participated in an intensive two day college preparation camp at the University of Colorado at Boulder. They completed college applications, learned about financial aid, and used a computer lab to finish their college essays. The program was sponsored by the National Association of College Admissions Counselors (NACAC), Rocky Mountain Association of College Admissions Counselors (RMACAC), and CU-Boulder.

Dear Friends and Supporters,

It is with great pleasure that we present to you our first "official" annual report for the I Have a Dream® Foundation of Boulder County, Inc. (IHAD). This past year was one of the most successful in our nine-year history. It is a remarkable accomplishment that IHAD is now helping 187 low-income youth reach their educational dreams with plans to adopt two additional classes in Longmont and Lafayette within the next year.

Some of the organization's highlights for 1999 have been:

- IHAD doubled the expected graduation rate for the first class of 36 Boulder Dreamers and 81% of those graduates are now in college or vocational school.
- The second annual Dream-maker Luncheon was a great success. Over 200 people attended the event to honor Annette Taylor, founding board member, mentor and community leader. Colorado Attorney General, Ken Salazar was the inspiring keynote speaker.
- IHAD was selected to receive one of two Colorado GEAR UP partnership grants from the U.S. Department of Education. Grant partners include the City of Boulder Housing Authority, Boulder Valley School District and the University of Colorado. Linda Shoemaker and Steve Brett very generously stepped forward to become class sponsors, allowing IHAD to adopt a fourth class of 40 Broadway Dreamers living in four low-income housing sites.
- Boulder County United Way accepted IHAD as a new partner agency and will fund three programs: Academic Assistance; Career Choices and College Preparation; and Mentoring, Counseling and Outreach.
- Leopard Communications created a new agency brochure that helped us recruit over 80 volunteer tutors and mentors to pair with Dreamers.
- The National Association of College Admission Counselors (NACAC) along with the University of Colorado, Boulder chose IHAD to pilot a new program, which included a College Camp for Dreamers.
- IHAD's website www.ihadboulder.org was chosen as the People's Choice "Best Overall Grassroots Web Site" presented by the Colorado Nonprofit Internet Users Group, a partnership of Colorado Association of Nonprofit Organizations and Regis University.
- The Women of the West Museum and IHAD co-sponsored a "Querida Madre" mural project where Dreamers under the guidance of three accomplished artists created a mural of their mothers' lives during a three-week summer camp.

We are honored that individuals and organizations interested in becoming sponsors, donors and volunteers continue to step forward with a genuine willingness to invest in the lives of young people in our community.

Because of your dedication and commitment, the I Have a Dream® Foundation of Boulder County will continue to bring a brighter future to children in Boulder County for many years to come. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Ronald Jung
President, 1999 Board of Directors

Lori Canova
Executive Director

☆ History

The I Have a Dream® Foundation of Boulder County (IHAD) was founded in 1990 and became the 133rd chapter of the national network founded by Eugene Lang in 1981. While delivering a graduation speech to a sixth-grade class at his alma mater in East Harlem, Lang made an impromptu promise to pay for the college education of the entire class provided they graduated from high school. Lang's inspiration for this promise was the harsh statistic that 75% of those very same sixth-graders were not expected to finish high school. The private sector initiative that evolved from Lang's original promise relies on a combination of personal and academic support, role modeling and a scholarship commitment to motivate Dreamers to establish and achieve their goals. Of Lang's original Dreamer class, 90% earned their high school diplomas or GED certificates.

IHAD currently serves 187 Dreamers and their families - a total of over 400 individuals. The first class of 36 Dreamers (Boulder Class) was adopted in 1990 from the San Juan Del Centro Housing site. Of these students, 67% have already graduated high school and have gone on to higher education (when only 34% were expected to graduate), and 81% have gone on to college or vocational schools. The second class of 79 Dreamers (Lafayette Class), now twelfth graders at Centaurus High School, was adopted in 1992 from a pool of fourth graders eligible for the free or reduced school lunch program at three Lafayette elementary schools. In 1996, the Kalmia Class was adopted through a partnership with the City of Boulder Housing Authority and the University of Colorado at Boulder. The 32 Kalmia Dreamers, currently sixth through tenth graders, are residents of three low-income public housing sites (Kalmia, Iris/Hawthorne and Diagonal Court). The latest addition to the IHAD family is the Broadway Class of 40 Dreamers (3rd through 7th grade) selected in 1999 from four low-income public housing sites (Broadway, Kalmia, Iris/ Hawthorne, and Diagonal Court). This class is a partnership with City of Boulder Housing Authority, University of Colorado, the Boulder Valley School District, and the U.S. Department of Education.

Funds for the post-secondary scholarships for all 187 Dreamers were provided by four Sponsors and have been placed in trust for the Dreamers. Ongoing fundraising efforts enable IHAD to provide the long-term, comprehensive services that are crucial to fulfilling our commitment to Dreamers and their families.

Current Class Sponsors:

Boulder Class of 1998: Bob and Diane Greenlee

Broadway Class of 2010: Linda Shoemaker and Steve Brett

Kalmia Class of 2008: Midge Korczak

Lafayette Class of 2000: Dianne Ladd and Bruce Holland

Dreamers participated in a variety of activities over spring break, including poetry reading and career exploration.



☆ Highlights



Computer Lab Opens at Kalmia After School Center

A grant from US West provided five new computers for our Kalmia After School Center. In addition, US West provided training for a select group of Dreamers who then became peer instructors. IHAD now provides computer access and training to Dreamers, their families, and all other interested Kalmia residents.

IHAD **doubled** the expected graduation rate

for the first class of 36 Boulder Dreamers.

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Dreamer Shiuhan Huang pictured with PC Angie Mediavilla graduated from CU with a degree in Kinesiology. She plans to continue her education and go to medical school.



Attorney General Ken Salazar delivers the keynote address to over 200 supporters at the 2nd Annual Dream - Maker Luncheon, which raised over \$20,000 for IHAD.



Fourth Class - the Broadway Dreamers

In the Fall of 1999, IHAD adopted 40 new Dreamers from four low-income public housing sites. Thanks to a GEAR UP grant from the U.S. Department of Education and class sponsorship from Linda Shoemaker and Steve Brett.

☆ Programs

IHAD is a school drop-out prevention program that selects entire groups of low-income students in elementary school and provides tutoring, mentoring, cultural enrichment, career awareness, job placement, college preparation, and individual guidance through high school. Upon graduation, each student receives a tuition-assistance scholarship to help pay for college or vocational school.

While IHAD's scholarship commitment is important, it is the ongoing, personalized services the Project Coordinator provides to the Dreamers throughout their formative years that makes the IHAD model such a success nationwide. Each class is assigned a Project Coordinator who maintains personal relationships with the Dreamers and their families and serves as a support and resource for academic and personal problems. Project Coordinators provide referrals to other agencies to meet overall family needs, and serve as a liaison between Dreamers and their families and school personnel.

Specific Programs:

After-school Learning Centers - a place where Dreamers receive a healthy snack, help with their homework and access to books, supplies and computer labs for school projects.

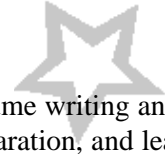
Tutoring Program - Volunteer tutors are recruited, screened and placed with Dreamers to provide one-on-one assistance with homework and literacy skills.

“I realize that much of what I dream for
or about can become a **reality**
thanks to **I Have A Dream.**”

- Lafayette Dreamer



Dreamers participate in a variety of educational and recreational activities, including rock climbing with Climbing for Life. The lessons of teamwork and trust are taught as Dreamers face the challenge of rock climbing.



Monthly Dreamer Meetings - focusing on a variety of subjects including resume writing and interviewing skills, coping with peer pressure, career opportunities, ACT/SAT preparation, and leadership skills.

Mentoring, Counseling & Outreach - Adult mentors are recruited, screened, trained and placed with every interested Dreamer to provide one-on-one guidance and to serve as positive role models. Project Coordinators provide Dreamers with ongoing support and resources for academic and personal issues. The program also increases parental involvement through home visits and workshops.



Community Service, Cultural & Educational Activities- Designed to broaden Dreamer experiences, involve them in the community, and provide incentives toward positive behavior.

CU Dreamer Day - an annual event to increase Dreamer familiarity with campus and college life. Dreamers attend workshops & shadow a CU student.

Dreamers volunteered for Habitat for Humanity for two days during spring break, helping to build three homes for low-income families.

Summer Program - Ten-week program featuring recreational activities, educational field trips, a literacy program, art projects, and fitness and health training.

Adopt-a-Family Program - Each holiday season, community members provide gifts to those families most in need.

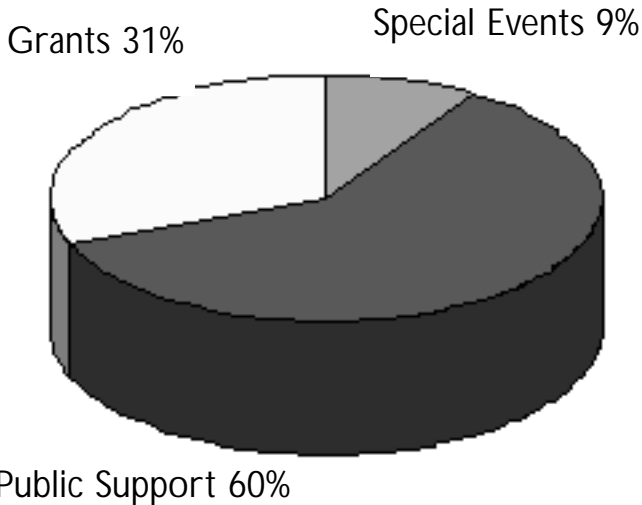
Career Choices Program - Collaboration with CU provides Dreamers with their first meaningful, supervised work experience.

Dreamers participated in a five-day backpacking program which included an intensive introduction to rock climbing, outdoor survival, team work, and self reflection. Thanks to the City of Boulder Youth Opportunities Fund for its grant support.

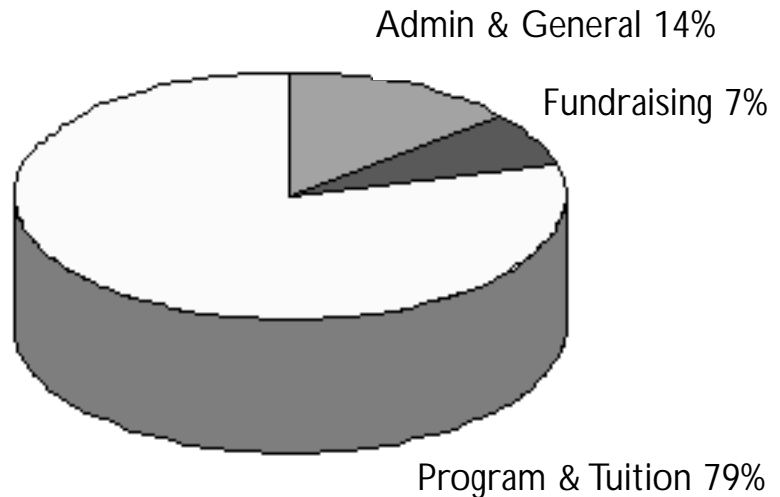


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☆ Making a Difference

The IHAD program exists because of the generosity of people in the community who donate their time and financial support. With our volunteer tutoring and mentoring programs, kids in the program develop ongoing, personal relationships and comprehensive support that really makes a difference in their lives. Without this support, it would be very difficult for them to achieve their goals.

Financial donations are just as crucial as personal involvement. Donations help maintain our local infrastructure and increase the frequency of programs so these deserving kids can achieve their dreams through higher education.

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citizens can **change the world**; indeed, it’s the only
thing that ever has.” - Margaret Mead

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Older Dreamers are a resource to the younger Dreamers, and can understand and relate to them very well. During spring break, the older Dreamers offered encouragement and inspiration to the others through activities such as reading and poetry.



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