



“I Have A Dream” - Boulder Housing Partners College Notre Dame AmeriCorps Member - “I Have A Dream” Partner Site

Host Site: Boulder Housing Partners

The “I Have A Dream”/AmeriCorps partnership is the result of a collaboration between “I Have A Dream,” Notre Dame Mission Volunteers (NDMV), and the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS). NDMV 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 40 full-time AmeriCorps member positions for a September through July service term.

Partner Site Description: Boulder Housing Partners (BHP) is the housing authority for the City of Boulder. BHP builds, owns and manages affordable housing for low and moderate-income residents and provides housing to more than 1,600 households whose median annual income is \$14,000. BHP’s mission is to provide quality, affordable housing, inspire vibrant communities, and create the opportunity for change in people’s lives. BHP has partnered with “I Have A Dream” to offer site-based, educational programming to low-income youth following the cradle to career model. BHP is seeking applicants for two full-time AmeriCorps member positions.

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: Boulder Housing Partners College AmeriCorps

Reports to: Site Program Director

Responsibilities:

- Support BHP high school age youth with strategies to succeed in school, develop goals and engage in experiential learning such as club participation, sports and volunteerism
- Act as a positive role model and provide personal guidance. Provide support and encouragement to families; encourage high academic standards and emotional growth
- Coordinate neighborhood and after-school groups that enhance exposure to career fields
- Recruit and support students and families enrolled in the IHDF Pre-Collegiate program
- Support high school seniors in the college application and financial aid processes making sure to monitor and remind students and parents regarding requirements and deadlines
- Coordinate activities with “I Have A Dream” College and Career Department and ensure participation of BHP residents
- Work with community partners to implement pre-collegiate lessons for elementary, middle school students and parents to increase knowledge of college and build college vocabulary
- Assist in supervising and coordinating volunteer college-age tutors and mentors
- Arrange and visit post-secondary locations with high school students and parents, including job shadows and campus tours

- Work with and build student's support network, such as school counselors, teachers, parents and friends
- Gain knowledge on supporting students and young adults with navigating college and career processes with an undocumented immigration status
- Support students and young adults who have an undocumented immigration status
- Act as a positive role model and provide personal guidance

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 **\$13,992** (pre-tax) over the course of the service term;
- A National Service Trust **Education Award** of **\$5,920** (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.

BHP AmeriCorps member will primarily work/collaborate with:

- BHP Resident Services Coordinators
- IHDF College and Career Department staff and AmeriCorps
- Youth Services Initiative - City of Boulder Parks and Rec
- Other AmeriCorps members and "I Have a Dream" staff - Specifically Iris and Phoenix
- Boulder Valley School District

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
- Weekly Supervisor/Site Team Meetings
- Partnering Agency meetings as scheduled
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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.*