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ARBOR BROTHERS EXTENDS INVESTMENT IN HIGH-POTENTIAL NONPROFITS WITH THREE NEW GRANTEES AND FIRST EVER ALUMNI GRANT

New York – Arbor Brothers is pleased to announce the nine constituents of its 2017 grants portfolio, which include three new grantees: [BEAM Math](#), [CO-OP](#), & [Hudson Link](#), and its first ever alumni grantee, [All Our Kin](#). These groups join five returning incumbents: CARA, Power of Two, Roots & Wings, ScriptEd and The Brotherhood / Sister Sol. By partnering with these promising second-stage nonprofits to replace missing rungs in the “opportunity ladder,” Arbor Brothers aims to empower young people and their families to achieve economic self-sufficiency.

All nine grantees are slated to receive between \$60,000 and \$110,000 in unrestricted funding along with hundreds of hours of Arbor Brothers’ capacity-building consulting this year. The investments are intended to be renewed annually over the course of a three-year engagement.

These grants reflect the Arbor Brothers 2017-2020 strategic plan, whose themes include:

- Expanded human capital and management coaching assistance, now available through senior hire [Erica Hamilton](#) (former ED of City Year - New York)
- Opportunistic re-engagement with alumni at inflection points—in this case All Our Kin, a 2011-2014 grantee now launching a national board and opening in NYC
- Broadened support for leaders of color (including this summer’s pilot [mini-grants](#))

The trio of new grantees was selected from a diverse pool of 160 applicants, all New York tri-state area nonprofits who are addressing the root causes of poverty, primarily through education and workforce development. The evaluation process, designed to be rigorous but reasonable, included written applications, management meetings, and site visits.

Concurrent with funding, [Arbor Brothers](#) will partner with each grantee’s leadership team to tackle a key organizational challenge or opportunity. “Arbor Brothers have been true thought partners to ScriptEd over the past two years,” remarked Executive Director Maurya Couvares. “They’ve helped us form the strategic foundation of our organization, impacting all areas of our growing mission—program, HR and finances, our outcomes focused culture, and so much more. I’m not sure how we would have gotten to where we are without them!”

These capacity-building engagements are tailored to meet organizational needs, with projects ranging from outcomes tracking to optimizing staff performance. Arbor Brothers will assist first-year grantee CO-OP—a digital career training program—in converting the value they provide colleges and employers into an expanded stream of earned income.

Returning alumni grantee Jessica Sager shared “Our engagement with Arbor Brothers made it possible for All Our Kin to grow from a local, grassroots initiative into an organization spanning four cities and reaching over 2,000 children each year. We are so delighted to have the opportunity to partner with their team again as we take All Our Kin’s work to New York and the national stage.”

About the Portfolio

All Our Kin trains, supports, and sustains community child care providers to ensure that children and families have the foundation they need to succeed in school and in life. Through our programs, child care professionals succeed as business owners, building better lives for themselves and their families; working parents find stable, high-quality care for their children; and children gain an educational foundation that lays the groundwork for achievement in school and beyond.



BEAM Math (Bridge to Enter Advanced Mathematics) creates realistic pathways for underserved students to become scientists, mathematicians, engineers, and programmers. Starting in 6th grade and continuing until college, BEAM's students learn advanced mathematics, find a community of friends who love math, and develop the social/emotional skills to succeed at the same programs attended by more affluent students.

The Brotherhood / Sister Sol provides holistic and long-term supportive, educational, and developmental services to youth ranging in age from 8 to 22. These young people become critical thinkers who live by a moral code, possess the skills to live independently, and help lead their communities.



CARA (College Access: Research & Action) confronts the gap in post-secondary guidance faced by first-generation to college students in New York City. CARA helps transform the cultures of educational institutions that serve these students by training a wide range of people within those communities—including high school and college students themselves—to support students to and through college.

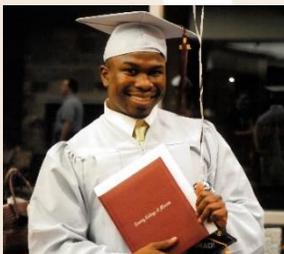
CO-OP connects underemployed college grads to upwardly mobile careers in the digital economy through a sixteen-week apprenticeship program. Crucially, CO-OP also connects these talented and diverse graduates to each other, within tight-knit cohorts and across "generations" of cohorts.





Hudson Link for Higher Education in Prison provides college education, life skills and re-entry support to incarcerated and formerly incarcerated men and women to help them make a positive impact on their own lives, their families and communities, resulting in lower rates of recidivism, incarceration and poverty.

Power of Two coaches parents to provide their babies with the best care possible, laying the foundation for success in school and life. Through delivery of an evidence-based home-visiting program, Power of Two strengthens responsive parenting, giving infants powerful protection from the effects of chronic stressors and setting them up for improved academic, social, and health outcomes.



Roots & Wings provides an intensive, life-changing program to former foster youth, focusing on the importance of education and the development of critically necessary life skills, in order to empower them toward self-sufficiency.

ScriptEd equips students in under-resourced schools with the fundamental coding skills and professional experiences that together create access to careers in technology. ScriptEd brings a tuition-free program directly to high schools, where classes are taught by software developers on a volunteer basis.



About Arbor Brothers

Arbor Brothers is a philanthropic organization that provides financial and consulting support to dynamic nonprofits working to effect social change. Founded in 2009 by two Teach for America alumni whose careers spanned Wall Street and the nonprofit sector, the organization works to multiply the impact of charitable giving through management assistance and a long-term partnership approach. Arbor Brothers focuses on developing the organizational capacity of “second stage” social innovators, whose ventures are off the drawing board and onto the growth curve. Portfolio “graduates” include: BRICK Academy, Coalition For Queens, exalt Youth, GirlTrek, Green City Force, New Heights, One Goal, Row New York and Springboard Collaborative.

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