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### **Baltimore Summer Funding Collaborative Announces \$3.46 Million for Children & Youth Programs**

BALTIMORE – The Baltimore Summer Funding Collaborative (the Collaborative) has awarded \$3.46 million in grants to support 87 high-quality summer programs for children and youth living in low-income families throughout Baltimore City. The Collaborative is a partnership between public, private and nonprofit institutions that aims to create summer program options for families, including academic support to reduce summer learning loss, youth work opportunities and a variety of enrichment activities.

Collaborative members – some of Baltimore’s largest public, private and nonprofit institutions – include the Abell Foundation, the Annie E. Casey Foundation, Bloomberg Philanthropies, Clayton Baker Trust, Constellation, Family League of Baltimore, France-Merrick Foundation, The Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Foundation, The Hinkey-Benson Family Fund, Joseph & Harvey Meyerhoff Family Charitable Funds, Lockhart Vaughan Foundation, Under Armour, and United Way of Central Maryland as funding partners.

“The Summer Funding Collaborative allows the Joseph and Harvey Meyerhoff Family Charitable Funds to support a broad range of youth programs that serve students and young adults both in our target neighborhoods and throughout the city,” said Elizabeth “Buffy” Minkin, President of the Funds. “High-quality summer program options are important for families and participants in normal years and even more so during the pandemic. These programs help stem summer learning loss and create work and enrichment opportunities for participants.”

While members of the Collaborative bring their own priorities to the table – including literacy, STEM, youth employment, environmental education, sports and arts – they work together to make complementary funding decisions with the goal of supporting a diverse set of high-quality summer programs to reduce summer learning loss and ensure more youth have the chance to reach their full potential. SFC members are committed to ensuring that Baltimore City youth can access programs that allow them to learn and grow during the summer months and prepare them for success throughout the year. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the learning disruptions that have occurred as a result, the need for engaging, enriching, and supportive summer programming is even more important. As a result, Collaborative members considered virtual, in-person, and hybrid program models to increase accessibility to high-quality programs aligned with public health guidance.

“The need to provide supports to children and youth in Baltimore has been made that much more important in the face of the COVID-19 global pandemic,” said Demaune Millard, president and CEO of Family League of Baltimore. “The programs which serve them have faced significant challenges over the past year, and the uncertainty surrounding the impacts to learning and what the educational landscape will look like in the months to come is very real. Now more than ever, philanthropic support is critical to help maintain continuity in vital summer programming. Family League remains committed to this work.”

The following organizations will receive funding from the Summer Funding Collaborative:

A Revolutionary Summer	KEYS Empowers, Inc.
Access Art, Inc.	Koinonia Baptist Church
Adelante Latina!	Leveling the Playing Field
Art with a Heart	Liberty Elementary School
Associated Catholic Charities, Inc.	Little Flowers Early Childhood and
AZIZA PE&CE	Development Center, Inc.
B-360	Living Classrooms Foundation
Baltimore Curriculum Project	Loyola Early Learning Center
Baltimore Montessori Public Charter School	Medical Education Resources Initiative for
Baltimore Youth Arts	Teens (MERIT)
Banner Neighborhoods Community	Mentoring Male Teens in the Hood
Corporation	Mentoring Mentors Inc
Beat the Streets Baltimore	Middle Grades Partnership
Black Girls Cook	Mindful Mentors Inc.
Bmore Empowered Inc	MOMCares
Bon Secours of Maryland Foundation, Inc.	National Aquarium
Boys & Girls Clubs of Metropolitan Baltimore	Next One Up
Bridges Baltimore	ONE More...ONE Less Mentoring Inc.,
BYKE Collective	Parks & People Foundation
Camp Puh'tok for Boys and Girls, Inc.	Patterson Park Public Charter School, Inc.
CASA	POP Inc. (Play On Purpose)
Challenge 2 Change	Project I CAN
City Neighbors Foundation	Safe Alternative Foundation for Education, Inc
Civic Works	Soccer Without Borders Baltimore
Code in the Schools	Springboard Collaborative
Corner Team, Inc.	SquashWise
Dance and Bmore Programs	St Veronica Roman Catholic Congregation, Inc.
Dent Education	St. Francis Neighborhood Center
DewMore Baltimore	St. Vincent de Paul of Baltimore
Digital Harbor Foundation	The Be. Org
Downtown Sailing Center	The Ryan Institute, LLC
Elev8 Baltimore	The Urban Alliance Foundation, Inc.
Enoch Pratt Free Library	UMBC Foundation
First Tee - Greater Baltimore	Unique Fabrics
From Prison Cells To PhD	University of Maryland Baltimore Foundation,
Green Street Academy	Inc
Hampden Family Center	Village Learning Place
Harlem Lacrosse-Baltimore	Wide Angle Youth Media
HeartSmiles	Women in Transition, Inc.
Holistic Life Foundation	Writers in Baltimore Schools
iMentor Baltimore	Y in Central Maryland
Intersection of Change	Young Audiences of Maryland
Junior Achievement of Central Maryland	

This is the seventh year of summer youth funding provided by the Collaborative. Last summer, the Collaborative provided over \$3.5 million in funding throughout Baltimore City and served more than 6,445 students.

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***About Baltimore's Promise***

Baltimore's Promise is a cradle-to-career collective impact nonprofit that is serving as the administrative backbone of the Baltimore Summer Funding Collaborative ([www.bmoresfc.org](http://www.bmoresfc.org)). The mission of Baltimore's Promise is to coordinate strategy, identify quality programs, support alignment activities, establish shared measures for meaningful results, build public will, and advance policy on behalf of Baltimore City's youth. For more information, please visit [www.baltimorespromise.org](http://www.baltimorespromise.org).