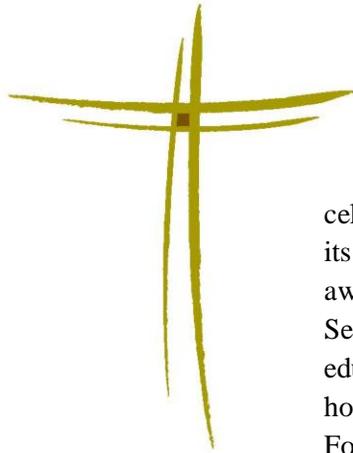


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Dream Foundation Awards \$20,000.00 in Scholarships and Honors Dream Givers

Foundation's Twelve Year Giving Total Reaches \$161,000.00

For Immediate Release (September 24, 2019) Giving, music and celebration were the guiding themes as the Dream 4 It Foundation celebrated its 12th Anniversary this Summer with a benefit concert and scholarship awards ceremony at the Gordon Center for Performing Arts. Billed as a Sensational Summer Night, young persons were awarded \$20,000.00 in educational scholarships and book stipends and a number of persons were honored for their service to the community at the August event. The Foundation also formally announced an endowed scholarship at Towson University.

Founded in 2008, the Dream 4 It Foundation raises scholarship funds for college freshmen. The Foundation also honors persons from the community who inspire others to dream. The Foundation's 12-year giving total now stands at an astonishing \$161,000.00. The Foundation's President, Dr. Anthony Brown, a local minister and accomplished recording artist, began the Foundation in response to the overwhelming reaction he received to a song he had written and recorded entitled, "Dream." The August benefit event culminated an amazing year of milestones for the Foundation, including:

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- The Foundation solidified an endowed scholarship in the name of the Dream 4 It Foundation at Towson University – Dr. Brown's alma-mater (1984, 1995). The endowed scholarship will impact generations when it is fully established by 2023. With a separate operating fund, the Foundation will begin awarding scholarships to Towson students in 2020.
- The Group's application to be a part of the Federal Government's Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) was approved. Through the Campaign, current federal employees, annuitants (retirees), military personnel and federal government contractors can now support the Foundation by giving a donation to the Dream 4 It Foundation through the CFC. The Foundation's CFC designation number is CFC #12538.
- The Foundation established a Mark Edward Griffin Scholarship in 2018 and this year, working with Mark's wife Sonja and a dedicated team of persons from Baltimore and Atlanta, the vision became a reality when the Foundation awarded two scholarships under this designation. The scholarships were presented at Atlanta's New Birth Missionary Baptist Church in August. Mark was a 1985 graduate of Towson University.

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- The Foundation maintained connections with its scholars through events and personal contacts – celebrating their personnel and professional successes, strengthened their Board with the addition of new members, worked consistently to maintain and develop mutually beneficial partnerships across the region, and remained consistent in their efforts to raise critical funding which provides the basis for supporting the dreams of young people.

The August events – the scholarship presentation in Atlanta on August 4th and the August 23rd Sensational Summer Night held in Baltimore, provided the opportunity to communicate and celebrate the Foundation’s 2019 successes.

2019 scholarship recipients* included:

- ✓ Kaia Godsey, Spelman College
- ✓ Bryan Green, Mount St. Mary's University
- ✓ Hannah Jackson, George Washington University
- ✓ Oluwatomisin Esther Olajide, University of MD, Baltimore County
- ✓ Rayshaun Pettit, University of MD, College Park
- ✓ Kai Smith, Temple University
- ✓ Patra Williams, East Tennessee State University

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2019 honorees included:

- ✓ Brandon J. Johnson, Suicide Prevention, State of Maryland
- ✓ Kevin Lindamood, President, Health Care for the Homeless
- ✓ Rabbi Dena Shaffer, Executive Director of 4Front,
- ✓ Samuel Scott, Vice Chairman - Elijah Cummings Youth Program for Israel
- ✓ Cindy R. Williams, Loving Arms Youth Shelter
- ✓ Michael "Coach" Jones, Michael Jones Mentoring Group
- ✓ Tonya Wilson & Martin “Marty” McNair, Jordan McNair Foundation

To find out more about the Dream 4 It Foundation go to www.dream4it.net or call (443) 472-3311. Your tax deductible donations are appreciated.

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***Note: for local media, our scholars reside in the following communities:**

- Kaia Godsey (Ellicott City, Maryland)
- Bryan Green (Windsor Mill, Maryland)
- Hannah Jackson (Stone Mountain, Georgia)
- Oluwatomisin Esther Olajide (Columbia, Maryland)
- Rayshaun Pettit (Pikesville, Maryland)
- Kai Smith (Owings Mills, Maryland)
- Patra Williams (Lithonia, Georgia)