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Inspiring the American Dream Foundation Awarded \$10,000 Grant from Dabo's All In Team® Foundation

Grant to support After-School Reading Camp at A.R. Lewis Elementary School

Sunset, SC – (November 18, 2014) – Inspiring the American Dream Foundation announced today that it has been awarded a \$10,000 grant from Dabo's All In Team Foundation. The grant will support Inspiring the American Dream Foundation's 'Opportunity to Succeed' program, which will be piloted as an After-School Reading Camp at Albert R. Lewis Elementary School (AR Lewis) in Pickens, South Carolina.



Launching in early 2015, the Opportunity to Succeed Reading Camp at AR Lewis will be focused on improving 3rd grade reading proficiency, while at the same time, instilling in its students important character traits necessary to achieve the American Dream.

Inspiring the American Dream Foundation's Opportunity to Succeed Program has been developed around three guiding principles – **teach, share and empower**:

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- **Teach** students about the American Dream, while making the learning experience fun and interesting
- **Share** with students the necessary skills and character traits to achieve their American Dreams
- **Empower** students by helping them to visualize their personal American Dream journeys



Developed as an eight week program, the reading camp curriculum will feature in-classroom reading instruction as well as guest speakers and other related activities. Reading materials will focus on American historical figures that relied on character traits such as courage, perseverance and self-control, amongst others, to achieve their dreams. The children will demonstrate mastery of the program through discussions, writings, group activities and final

presentations, including the use of 21st Century technologies. Standard MAP scores will be used as metrics to monitor the students' progress over the course of the program.

“We are humbled and grateful for the generous donation made by Dabo's All In Team Foundation,” said Inspiring the American Dream Foundation Chairman, Robert Basmadjian. “Inspiring the American Dream Foundation is committed to delivering educational programs that will challenge students, leading them to self-discovery, achievement and success. Through the support of Dabo’s All In Team Foundation, we will be able to provide students at AR Lewis with the necessary tools and resources to help pave the way for their unique American Dream journeys.”

About Inspiring the American Dream Foundation

Inspiring the American Dream Foundation has been established to help inspire children and young adults to achieve the American Dream, a set of ideals in which freedom, ability and virtue provide the opportunity for prosperity, happiness and upward mobility, regardless of race, ethnicity or social class. By engaging children of all ages, nationalities and backgrounds with an appreciation for the ideals, values and virtues inherent in the American Dream, the Foundation will help prepare students across the country to become independent, prosperous and productive members of society. For additional information, visit www.inspire-the-dream.org.

About the Albert R. Lewis Elementary School

Albert R. Lewis Elementary School is a Title 1 school located in rural Pickens, South Carolina. The school's leadership strives to provide its students the opportunity to become proficient readers, critical thinkers, and problem solvers, enabling them to be successful beyond the classroom and participate in a global community. For more information visit, <http://arl.pickens.k12.sc.us/>

About Dabo's All In Team Foundation

Dabo's All In Team Foundation was founded to raise awareness of critical education and health issues in order to change lives of people across the state of SC, concentrating in Breast Cancer Research, The Phoenix Center, The Rise Program, The Call Me Mister Program, and Grants. For more information visit, <http://www.dabosallinteam.com/>

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