



10 Years of Making  
Big Dreams  
Come True

# Dream Maker Report

FY  
2021-2022



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## ***Opening Doors and Changing Lives***

We are dedicated to narrowing the opportunity gap.  
We are committed to each child's version of success.  
Our support is long-term, year-round, comprehensive and intensive.  
Our programs are outcome-driven.  
Our approach is unique.  
Our impact is measurable.



Laura Rose-Lewis  
Executive Director



Brent Robinson  
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Dear Community,

It is a joy to resume a sense of normalcy after managing through Covid and all its complexities over the past two years. Despite the Covid challenges, our students and programs have thrived, and we continue to expand our programming so that we can support more students every year.

We are thrilled to have welcomed 60 additional Dream Scholars over this past year—elementary students from Alturas, Hailey, and Bellevue Elementary Schools. Our students are supported every day in our after-school programs with enrichment activities and academic tutoring that includes an intensive literacy program. Of our students who were identified as reading below grade level at the beginning of the 2021 school year, 75% were at grade level or above by the end of the year. Additionally, math, art, reading, games, social-emotional learning, and outdoor adventure are all part of our Dream Scholar days.

One of the most exciting milestones this past year was the graduation of our first cohort of Dream Scholars. **100% of the 45 members of our senior cohort graduated** with the Wood River High School Class of 2022. There was minimal student attrition over the years, and nearly all our 2022 graduates started in our 2012 class.

Approximately 80% of our graduating seniors have continued onto post-secondary education. They are attending colleges and universities around the country, community colleges, vocational schools, and the military. Others have gone onto apprenticeships, jobs, and steps toward their **career**. We are extremely proud of all our graduating Dream Scholars.

We are pleased to share information from our 2021-2022 fiscal year in the following pages. We are grateful to you, our generous community, our many community partners, and to the Blaine County School district, for making our work possible.

All of us at the "I Have a Dream" Foundation, wish you a happy and healthy 2022-2023.

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# 45 Big Dreams Come True!



Our class GPA average was **2.9**

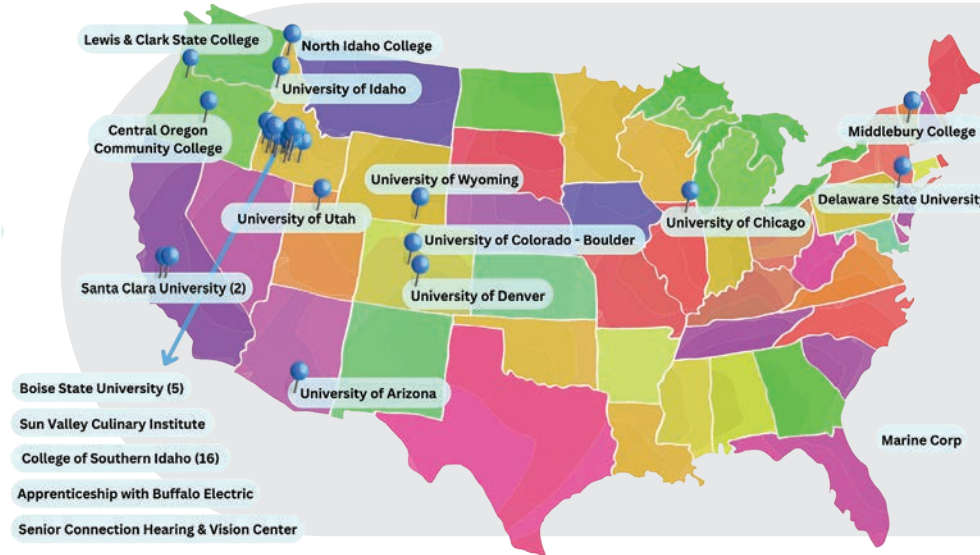
8 students were above a GPA of **3.0-3.5**

8 students were above a GPA of **3.5-4.2**

**80%** of our graduates will pursue post-secondary education at institutions around the country.

Boise State University  
 College of Southern Idaho  
 Delaware State University  
 Lewis and Clark State College  
 Middlebury College  
 North Idaho College  
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**11** Dream and/or Lewis Scholars received over \$367,000 from their institutions of higher learning for their freshman year. Over the course of four years, these scholarships will total nearly \$1.5 million!

Additionally, these local organizations contributed \$37,500 in scholarship funds for our Dream Scholars:

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 Blaine County Democrats (Betty Murphy)  
 Blaine County Education Fund  
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 Nicholas Martin Family  
 Nosotros United  
 Student of Hispanic Origin  
 SVMoA Essay Award

100% of our Dream Scholar Class of 2022 Graduated



# The Beginning of Big Dreams

***From first grade to first job!***

"I Have a Dream" Foundation – Idaho Cohorts 2, 3 and 4

**Who**

Sixty elementary students from families who demonstrated the financial need and program commitment will be supported from early elementary school through high school and post-secondary education.

**What**

Academic support, social and emotional learning and enrichment programming and community service. Tuition support for our students who continue to additional college education, trade, or vocational training after high school graduation.

**How**

Year-round, long-term, individualized, academic tutoring, mentorship, family engagement, comprehensive support, referrals, advocacy.

**Why**

To narrow the education and opportunity gaps for low-income youth. Early academic and social-emotional intervention provides opportunities for our students to achieve and succeed at the rates of their higher income peers.





# Program components



 **Academic Support**

Homework support, subject-matter tutoring, test support, credit recovery, college preparatory support, college and career success programs.

 **Personal Development**

Social-emotional learning, life skills acquisition, leadership training.

 **Enrichment**

Outdoor experience and education, cultural enrichment (arts, music, theatre).

 **Community Service**

Hands-on service projects in partnership with other nonprofits throughout Blaine County to give back, support our community, and collaborate with other entities.

 **Family Engagement**

Engagement with families to support their child's academic development through participation in our service projects, enrichment programs and regular meetings with Dream teachers to review their child's progress and needs.

 **Mentorship**

Supportive and caring community volunteers, matched with Dream Scholars, provide individualized guidance, scholastic support and serve as positive role models.

 **College and Career Prep and Success**

Students receive college and career preparatory services from our College Counselor so that they can pursue college, university, trade or vocational school, apprenticeships, military service, and other continuing education goals after high school. Our Counselor supports students after high school, and into their post-secondary endeavors to support persistence and graduation from post-secondary schools.



# Impact



## 100% Graduation

Comparatively, in Idaho graduation rates are 70%-75% in the demographic we serve, and nationally, graduation rates for low-income youth plummeted in the past two years.



**80%** of our graduating cohort is continuing onto college, university, trade, vocational or military education and training. Comparatively, 50% of Idaho students go on to post-secondary education, and even less in the demographic we serve.



**75%** of our first graders moved from reading below grade level at the beginning of 2021 school year to being at grade level or above by the end of the academic year.



High School Dream Scholars perform **hundreds** of hours of community service annually. Elementary Dream scholars begin participating in community service in elementary school.



Dream Scholars become **leaders, peer tutors, engaged and contributing community members.**

# Collaborative Programs

Collaborative partnerships are an integral part of what we do. We partner with other public and private entities to collectively support hundreds more students by pooling **in** human and financial resources.

## Credit Recovery

In partnership with Wood River High School staff, we deliver summer programming to support Wood River High School students to recover credits lost during the school year and catch up to their classmates.

## SummerBridge

In a program spearheaded by the YMCA and in partnership with the BCSD, College of Idaho, Lee Pesky Learning Center and The Community School, we joined forces to deliver a collaborative program to support over 250 elementary students in an educational and enriching summer program.

## Idaho Base Camp

In partnership with Idaho Base Camp, our staff works to provide outdoor education and enrichment programs to all our Dream Scholars, each week.

## Swiftsure

Some of our Dream Scholars have been selected to participate in equine therapy in our new collaboration with Swiftsure Ranch.

## Bellevue, Alturas, Hailey Elementary Schools and Blaine County School District

Our Dream Scholars come from these three South Valley elementary schools. Our programs take place in modular units on the Bellevue Elementary School Campus. We look forward to expanding our programs in the South Valley and into the North Valley at Hemingway Elementary School next fall!

## The Hunger Coalition

Snacks provided by The Hunger Coalition supplement snack time for our growing elementary students.

## Sun Valley Museum of Art

As part of our growing partnership with SVMoA, our Leadership Cohort presented their final photo-voice project to the community at SVMoA's Hailey location last spring to celebrate local heroes, through their "lenses."

Our young Dream Scholars will visit the museum for art education and engage in art projects with museum staff.

## Eduardo Escalara

Outstanding Youth Philanthropist, 2021, Eastern Idaho, Idaho Non-profit Center.

This Dream Scholar has dedicated much time, over many years, to community service. He continues his service as a youth leader of the Community Table while attending the Sun Valley Culinary Institute. His commitment to giving back was recognized by the Idaho Nonprofit Center in 2021.



## Janileth Ruiz

Dream Scholar and Certified Nursing Assistant, Janileth Ruiz, began working for the Senior Connection's Vision and Hearing Center after graduating last spring. Our students participated in service projects at the Senior Connection for many years so this is a wonderful culmination of our organizations collaborative work.



# Dream Big!

Our inaugural benefit and celebration kicked off our new fiscal year in August. **Thanks to you**, we raised over \$600,000 which will allow us to expand programs and serve many more Blaine County youth! Thank you for your incredible generosity, for making the event a fabulous success and for kicking off our new fiscal year with momentum and excitement.

# Timeline

**2012**

IHDF Idaho 501c(3) founded  
Board of directors established



**2015**

Dream Scholars progress to middle school  
Program director hired



**2019**

Social-emotional learning specialist hired

**2021**

College counselor hired  
2 new cohorts totaling 40 first graders from 3 elementary schools selected and launched  
A literacy coordinator and a tutor hired  
5 teen Dream Scholars participate as classroom aids

**2022**

Sponsor a new cohort of twenty additional elementary students  
Continue supporting 60 elementary students, every day, after school  
Kick off federally funded mentorship program  
Engage in a new family engagement partnership program with the YMCA for middle and high school families

**2027**

Serve students in every school and every division in the Wood River Valley  
Serve as a model program for other "I Have a Dream" programs in Idaho

**2013**

Executive Director hired  
First cohort of 48 fourth grade Dream Scholars selected and launched



**2018**

Dream Scholars advance to Wood River High School



**2020**

Lewis Leadership program launched  
College prep program initiated  
Advisory Board created



**2022**

100% of Dream Scholars and Lewis Leadership Scholars graduate in May!  
Participated in Summer Bridge partnership for more than 250 elementary students

**2023**

Sponsor a new cohort of 20 early elementary students in the North Valley at Hemingway Elementary School  
Introducing trade and vocational summer camps



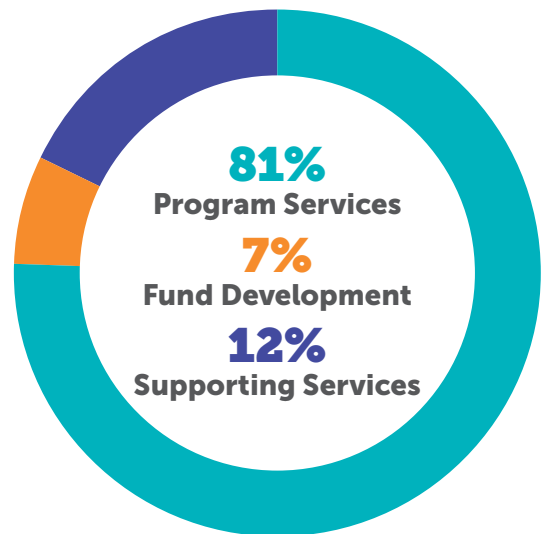
## Looking ahead





# Financials

## For Fiscal Year 2022



Thank you  
for your support!

Of every  
dollar given  
**81 Cents**  
was invested  
in Dream Scholars

### Revenue

Contributions	\$774,967
Foundation Grants	359,150
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$1,134,117</b>

### Programs and Other Expenses

Program Services	\$401,137
Fund Development	36,544
Supporting Services	58,646
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$496,327</b>

**Net Assets at Year End\*** **\$1,335,061**

\*Includes Scholarship Reserve, Expansion Reserve, and Operations Reserve.

# Ways to give

### Donate Directly

"I Have a Dream" Foundation gratefully accepts direct donations via check or credit card.

### Recommend A Grant From Donor Advised Fund

If you have a Donor Advised Fund, you can recommend a grant to IHDF using our Tax ID.

### Transfer Securities

Donating appreciated stocks and bonds avoids federal capital gains taxes and provides a federal income tax deduction for the current market value of the gift.

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If you have questions,  
email [info@ihdfidaho.org](mailto:info@ihdfidaho.org) or call 208.204.4199.

### Legacy Gifts

By remembering IHDF in your estate plan, you ensure that our shared vision of creating equitable access to education for all children becomes a reality.

### Corporate Matching

Many companies will match your gift to IHDF. Please contact your Human Resources Department to find out if they will match all or a portion of your contribution.

### Amazon Smile And Wishlist

Amazon will donate 0.5% of the price of eligible purchases you make on Amazon if you designate IHDF as your charity of choice.

### Partnerships

Whether you choose to sponsor an individual program or event or provide ongoing financial support, a partnership with us will increase public awareness of your business and your investment in the future of underserved kids in our community.



Learn more at [ihdfidaho.org/give](https://ihdfidaho.org/give)



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# Get involved

Volunteers are critical to our program success. Participants support students in our high school and elementary programs in many ways, including homework support, mentorship, field trips, service activities, and enrichment.

## Mentor

Support Dream Scholars with long-term, consistent relationships, act as **role models**, provide support and guidance, and spend time with their mentee in fun enrichment activities.

## Board and committee members

Our Board of Directors, Advisory Board and Board Committees are made up of community volunteers and are integral to our success.

## Job site visits and internships

Dream Scholars visit job sites and are offered internships to explore career opportunities. These opportunities expand students' understanding of what is possible for their futures.

## Donate

Your continued support changes the lives of underserved Blaine County youth.

## Volunteer

Provide assistance in our elementary classrooms and on special outings.





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