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**The South Carolina Center for Fathers and Families Awarded \$10,000 Grant
by the DreamBee Foundation**

Funds to be used to support the Reality Check curriculum, which targets young men

Columbia, S.C. [August 1, 2022] – The South Carolina Center for Fathers and Families has received a \$10,000 Educational Grant from the DreamBee Foundation to support the Reality Check curriculum. This innovative curriculum is used in 12 counties across the state and focuses on an interactive approach to teach life skills, targeting young men as they transition to adulthood.

“The DreamBee Foundation is excited to partner with the Center. We are impressed with the work that has been done with this program, and the work that will continue to be done with these promising juniors and seniors,” said Charlene Keys Bowen, Founder of the foundation. “We would also like to offer a special thanks to the Pollinate the Dream Cohort of students from Benedict College Social Work Department who raise over \$700 hosting a virtual telethon to contribute to the grant.”

The Reality Check curriculum, which was created by the South Carolina Center for Fathers and Families, succinctly aligns with the mission of the DreamBee Foundation, which strives to eradicate abuse and neglect. The programming related to this curriculum helps to stop this behavior before it can even start by providing tools needed to strengthen and create resilient families, and is used with high schools, afterschool programs, group homes, juvenile detention centers and other community organizations. It is currently implemented through five of our local fatherhood organizations around the state – Midlands Fatherhood Coalition, Upstate Fatherhood Coalition, Man 2 Man, A Father’s Place and Father to Father.

“We are ecstatic about receiving this generous donation from the DreamBee Foundation. This is a wonderful marriage of missions that will help bolster the Center’s great work of strengthening fathers and families, as well as support DreamBee’s noble mission of preventing child abuse and neglect. The DreamBee Foundation could have chosen any number of worthy organizations to partner with, but it chose the South Carolina Center for Fathers and Families. That not only says a lot about what they think of the work we do; it says a lot about what they think we can yet do. And we’re grateful,” said Warren Bolton, Board Chair of the South Carolina Center for Fathers and Families.

About the DreamBee Foundation

The mission of the DreamBee Foundation is to stop child abuse and neglect by promoting resilient families and advocating for policies and practices that strengthen economic support for families.

Learn more at www.dreambeefoundation.org

About the South Carolina Center for Fathers and Families

The South Carolina Center for Fathers and Families is a ministry of the Sisters of Charity Health System. Its mission is based on the conviction that children thrive when an engaged, responsible father is active in their lives. In South Carolina, many children live in a father-absent home, and the consequences are dire. To address this problem, The Center supports six regional fatherhood organizations with 14 locations providing services to every county of the state while promoting father-friendly policies and practices and helping to erase society's negative stereotypes of non-custodial, low-income dads.

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