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ARBOR BROTHERS RAMPS UP SUPPORT TO HIGH-POTENTIAL NONPROFITS WITH EXPANDED TEAM, BIGGER GRANTS AND LARGEST-EVER PORTFOLIO

New York – Arbor Brothers is pleased to announce its 2019 grants portfolio, whose eleven constituents include three new entrants, seven returning organizations, and one prior grantee re-engaging for a new phase of support.

New additions [Braven](#), [Emma’s Torch](#), [YPIE](#), and “alumni” grantee [Code Nation](#) join current grantee partners All Our Kin, BEAM, COOP Careers, Hudson Link, Hopeworks, Restore NYC, and The Knowledge House.



By supporting these high-potential nonprofits (and the folks they serve, like COOP alumna Antoinia pictured at right), [Arbor Brothers](#) is helping to narrow the opportunity gap and increase economic mobility for thousands of young people and families across the New York area.

Grantees will receive between \$75,000 and \$125,000 in unrestricted funding along with hundreds of hours of capacity-building consulting from the Arbor Brothers [team](#), now stacked with five seasoned professionals. Support is renewed annually over a three-year engagement, with financial contributions totaling \$300,000 (a 15% increase over prior packages).

These grants reflect the Arbor Brothers 2017-2020 strategic plan, whose themes include:

- Selective re-engagement with alumni at organizational inflection points, including geographic expansion and leadership transitions.
- Broadened support for teams with diverse leadership.
- New services like management coaching, search and succession planning, delivered by our expanded in-house team.

These new grantees were selected from a competitive pool of 114 candidate organizations, all New York tri-state area nonprofits that are addressing the root causes of poverty, primarily through education and workforce development. The evaluation process, designed to be rigorous but reasonable, included written applications, management meetings, and site visits.

Concurrent with funding, Arbor Brothers will work with each grantee’s leadership team to tackle a key organizational challenge or opportunity. “Our first year of engagement transformed so much about our practice, thinking, and performance,” remarked Hopeworks Executive Director Dan Rhoton. “We cannot wait to begin working with Arbor Brothers again to transform more lives!”

These capacity-building engagements are tailored to meet organizational needs, with projects ranging from outcomes tracking to optimizing staff performance. Arbor Brothers will work with first-year grantee Emma’s Torch—a culinary training program for refugees—to refine financial planning tools and balance placement outcomes with earned income opportunities.

CEO Becca Novak of Code Nation shared, “The partnership with the Arbor Brothers team has been transformational for us as an organization—we use the tools and frameworks they helped us build every day. We are thrilled to be returning as an alumni grantee, and believe that their support will be catalytic in helping us get to the next stage.”

About the Portfolio

All Our Kin trains, supports, and sustains community child care providers to ensure that children and families have the foundation they need to succeed in school and in life. Through AOK's programs, child care professionals succeed as business owners, building better lives for themselves and their families; working parents find stable, high-quality care for their children; and children gain an educational foundation that lays the groundwork for achievement in school and beyond.



BEAM (Bridge to Enter Advanced Mathematics) creates realistic pathways for underserved students to become scientists, mathematicians, engineers, and programmers. Starting in 6th grade and continuing through college, BEAM's students learn advanced mathematics, find a community of friends who love math, and develop the social-emotional skills to succeed at the same programs attended by more affluent students.

Braven (Newark) empowers promising, underrepresented young people—first-generation college students, students from low-income backgrounds, and students of color—with the skills, confidence, experiences, and networks necessary to transition from college to strong first jobs.



Code Nation equips students in under-resourced high schools with the skills, experiences, and connections that together create access to careers in technology. They deploy a volunteer teaching corps of professional web and software developers alongside a network of school and company partners to provide coding courses and work-based learning programs.

COOP Careers connects underemployed college grads to upwardly mobile careers in the digital economy through a sixteen-week apprenticeship program. Crucially, COOP also connects these talented and diverse graduates to each other, within tight-knit cohorts and across "generations" of cohorts.



Emma's Torch provides top-notch culinary training to refugees, helping them find meaningful careers in the food industry. Emma's Torch runs classes out of their operating restaurant in Carroll Gardens, Brooklyn and a café at the Brooklyn Public Library.



Hopeworks uses education, technology and entrepreneurship to partner with young men and women as they identify and earn a sustainable future. Hopeworks' unique trauma-informed approach, combined with technology training, in-house social enterprises, and the opportunity to grow and heal, helps youth find new pathways to their future.

Hudson Link for Higher Education in Prison empowers incarcerated men and women to realize their academic and economic potential by providing degree-granting college programs in prisons throughout upstate New York and essential re-entry support when those individuals return home, resulting in lower rates of recidivism, incarceration and poverty.



Restore NYC's mission is to end sex trafficking in New York and restore the well-being and independence of survivors. To empower survivors to thrive, Restore helps secure stable housing, employment, family reunification, and ultimately sustained freedom.

The Knowledge House is building a diverse pipeline of tech talent who will help uplift their communities out of poverty. To achieve this, TKH delivers a cutting-edge curriculum and links students to employers in the Bronx and beyond.



Yonkers Partners in Education (YPIE) partners with students to ensure they are ready for, enroll in, and complete college. They confront the challenges of a low-income, underfunded school district by providing families with equitable access to the critical tools and services necessary for college success.

About Arbor Brothers

Arbor Brothers is a philanthropic organization that provides financial and consulting support to dynamic nonprofits working to effect social change. Founded in 2009 by Sammy Politziner and Scott Thomas, two Teach for America alumni whose careers spanned Wall Street and the nonprofit sector, the organization works to multiply the impact of charitable giving through management assistance and a long-term partnership approach.

Arbor Brothers focuses on developing the organizational capacity of “second stage” social innovators, whose ventures are off the drawing board and onto the growth curve. Portfolio graduates include leading nonprofits such as **GirlTrek**, **OneGoal**, **Row New York**, and **Springboard Collaborative**.

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