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To: Campus Community Partnership Foundation

From: Ambassador Andrew Young

Letter from Andrew Young for the Carolyn Young Mentor Program

It gives me great joy to endorse a new program of the Campus Community Partnership Foundation named for my wife, The Carolyn Young Mentor Walk. The programs of C2P are designed to create a lifelong commitment in students to serve the community with the experience they get while in school by linking their education with community service to make our communities stronger. The students are inspired and motivated by this experience of applying their classroom learning to real life. It makes education exciting.

Carolyn has taught in the Atlanta Public Schools for years and has been recognized with several awards and honors for her outstanding teaching career including the 1976 Atlanta Area II Teacher of the Year, Georgia Teachers Incentive Award for Intermediate Grades and the Southern Bell Black History Calendar as a "Teacher of Excellence."

The Mentor Walk is designed to promote mentoring relationships between college students who would motivate school children to finish school and inspire them to go to college. It will demonstrate a belief in the importance of "near peer" experience in developing a solid commitment to education. In fostering the relationship between college students and their younger peers, the walk would promote the value of mentoring in school children who would give back to their younger peers and promote aspiration for an education and instill the value of mentoring to future generations. As mentioned in the book "Walk In My Shoes" one of the most meaningful contributions of a person is the power of an example. Mentoring is the demonstration of a relationship between education and guidance to success.

I wish the Carolyn Young Mentor Program much success. Like the other programs of C2P which started in Georgia and have expanded within the US and worldwide, I would like to see this program flourish and inspire young people around the world. I encourage everyone to give their enthusiastic support in making this program successful for making our schools and communities stronger.

Sincerely

Andrew Young