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## **Griffin Charitable Initiative Announces Coleman A. Young II Educational Foundation as Recipient of Invest in Others Grants for Change Award**

***Griffin Capital Employee Secured \$25,000 Grant for CAY2 Girls in STEM as part of initiative to create and enhance opportunities for communities of color***

**EL SEGUNDO, California.** – (July 27, 2021) – Griffin Capital Company, LLC announced today that the Coleman A. Young II Educational Foundation program CAY2 Girls in STEM (“CAY2”) was the recipient of one of eight Grants for Change awarded by the Invest in Others Charitable Foundation to organizations that create and enhance opportunities for communities of color, providing essential services to causes such as social justice, employment, and education. Adrienne Herrera, Media & Communications Manager at Griffin Capital, secured the \$25,000 grant following a blind, competitive application process.

CAY2 is a 501(c)3 philanthropic foundation that provides afterschool STEM (Science, Technology, Education & Mathematics) focused resources, such as computer equipment, educational materials, and in-person instruction, to underserved students in Detroit, Michigan. CAY2’s goal is to improve STEM participation rate among its students, who are mostly Black and Latinx. The grant will be used to expand the enrollment and retention of high school girls in the program.

“Giving back to the community is an integral part of Griffin Capital’s core values and is deeply embedded in our culture,” said David Rupert, President of Griffin Capital Company, LLC, and director of the Griffin Charitable Initiative. “For the past two years, our colleagues have generously donated to Grants for Change through Invest in Others, and we are proud to have matched them dollar-for-dollar. We are also thrilled that our own Charitable Initiative team member Adrienne Herrera secured the grant this year for such a worthy cause that will improve the lives of so many young women leaders.”

Invest in Others introduced the Grants for Change Program in 2020 to fund programs or projects for nonprofits that display a measurable commitment to enhancing opportunities for communities of color. Nearly 200 applications were submitted for 2021. Grant recipients were selected through a blind submission process that considered the grant’s impact on the nonprofit and the community it serves.

Ms. Herrera, who is deeply involved with CAY2 students as a presentation coach working with them on business pitches and professional development, said: “It is an honor to have received this Grant for Change on behalf of CAY2 STEM for Girls. These brilliant students deserve every resource available to ensure their success.” She added, “I am grateful to my Griffin colleagues for their support and willingness to give, to Invest in Others for their vision and action, and to the Coleman A. Young II Foundation for all they do for students in the city of Detroit.”

### **About Griffin Capital Company, LLC**

Griffin Capital is a privately-held alternative investment asset manager headquartered in Los Angeles, California. Founded in 1995, Griffin Capital has owned, managed, sponsored or co-sponsored investment programs encompassing over \$20 billion in assets. The company's senior executives and employees have co-invested over \$300 million in its various investment verticals, aligning Griffin's interest with those of its more than 200,000 investors. The company leverages the breadth and depth of its cycle-tested investment management teams to capitalize on long term economic trends and secular growth opportunities in real estate and global corporate credit through interval funds and direct investment strategies. Investors can access these investment solutions exclusively through independent and insurance broker-dealers, national wirehouses and registered investment advisors. Additional information is available at: [www.griffincapital.com](http://www.griffincapital.com).

### **About the Invest in Others Charitable Foundation**

The inspiration for the Invest in Others Charitable Foundation ("liO") came directly from the financial advisors who invest in others by giving back to their communities with overwhelming generosity and dedication. Since its founding in 2006, Invest in Others has amplified these efforts by providing a platform for advisors and other financial professionals to increase awareness, visibility, and funding to their favorite nonprofits. Over the past 15 years, liO has given more than \$3 million to 300+ charities across a variety of causes, including health and wellness, education and youth programs, arts and culture, hunger and poverty prevention, military, and veterans and more. For more information, visit [investinothers.org](http://investinothers.org).

### **About Coleman A. Young II Educational Foundation**

Propelled by a belief that Detroit public schools' sustainability was too big a task for a school district to undertake alone, the Coleman A. Young II Educational Foundation was established in 2019 as an independent 501(c)(3) nonprofit Michigan corporation. The Coleman A. Young II Educational Foundation's priority is to build on Detroit's rich history to define possibilities and provide solutions to prepare a diverse population for global competition. The organization has developed and implemented innovative programming for high school youth through collaboration with principals, teachers, administrators, businesses, community organizations, and local citizens. Through this collaborative effort, the Foundation has leveraged resources and engaged the Detroit community to improve public schools' standing in the community, state, and nation. Coleman A. Young II Educational Foundation is committed to innovation and creativity, with a willingness to take risks in a pursuit to ensure that public education is producing future-ready youth who will move the nation forward. For more information, visit <https://cay2foundation.org/>

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