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Dear Committee Service Community members -

I am writing to you on behalf of Maydm to please consider their full request for this coming year's internship program. I realize the pool of funding resources is limited, and there are many well deserving organizations doing great work in our community. I believe there are few as deserving and as directly connected to helping to lift the youth in our community as Maydm. I have enjoyed a 25 year career in technology, and have seen first-hand how a STEM career lifts people professionally and personally. In the Madison community, there is a significant shortage of available technology talent, and that talent gap will only grow in the future. There also remains a considerable representation gap of women and people of color in STEM. Closing that gap begins by getting girls and youth of color excited about the possibility of a STEM career. Maydm and their internship program is directly focused on tackling this problem. It gives the youth in our community the gift of possibility. This past summer I got to see that future open in the 4 Maydm interns we hosted at CUNA Mutual Group. We need to extend this opportunity to as many youth in our community as possible.

Maydm is a small but potentially powerful force of change. That potential needs help to grow and make a larger impact. Please help Maydm – and in doing so give more youth in our community the gift of the possibility for their future.

Thank you for your consideration.

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