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Lincoln Financial Foundation and CCNH Partner to Help Low-Income Students Succeed in School and Beyond

The Lincoln Financial Foundation's continued support for CCNH's VISTA program expands opportunity for students across New Hampshire

Concord, NH, May 25, 2021—As part of its mission to support the development of resilient, thriving communities, the Lincoln Financial Foundation will continue its grant funding for one of New Hampshire's most well-established AmeriCorps VISTA programs. Campus Compact for New Hampshire (CCNH), which administers the program, places VISTAs in communities throughout New Hampshire to help low-income students prepare for success in school, college, and careers.

"Helping students reach their academic potential is one of the Lincoln Financial Foundation's major focus areas in our work to build strong communities," notes Nancy Rogers, SVP, Corporate Responsibility, and President, Lincoln Financial Foundation. "We are pleased to continue our support of CCNH's VISTA program, which has helped thousands of New Hampshire's students overcome barriers to academic success. The power of this program can be seen in schools and communities across the state."

AmeriCorps VISTA is a federal program that supports volunteers working to combat poverty. CCNH's VISTA program focuses on expanding education access and success and improving workforce readiness among low-income and first-generation students. CCNH VISTAs provide outreach, tutoring, mentoring, and resources to help students advance in school and understand their postsecondary options.

The Lincoln Financial Foundation has supported CCNH's VISTA program for the past eight years. This long-term support has allowed the creation of structures to ensure that VISTAs both get and give maximum value through the program, says CCNH Executive Director Debby Scire.

"VISTAs serve a one-year term, so these structures are essential for building on the prior year's work," Scire notes. "The Lincoln Financial Foundation's support has led to a cycle of success. In addition to providing direct aid to thousands of students, our VISTAs are creating new systems and outreach channels, which are making a lasting difference in their communities."

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About Campus Compact for New Hampshire

Founded in 1997, Campus Compact for New Hampshire (CCNH) is a statewide consortium of college and university presidents and private-sector partners who are united in their commitment to the civic purposes of higher education. As part of a national coalition of college and university leaders, CCNH serves as a catalyst to integrate community service and civic responsibility throughout academic and student life. CCNH is part of the national Campus Compact organization, which encompasses more than 1,000 college and university presidents representing some 6 million students.

About Lincoln Financial Foundation

The Lincoln Financial Foundation is the philanthropic arm of the Lincoln Financial Group. The Lincoln Financial Foundation focuses on building stronger communities through nonprofit partnerships in financial wellness, education, and human services, with the long-term goal of helping people build secure financial futures for themselves and their families. In 2020, Lincoln Financial Foundation donated approximately $10 million to philanthropic endeavors that empower and improve the lives of countless in our communities.