



To Whom It May Concern,

It is with great pleasure that I recommend the MY HERO Project for a United Nations Sustainable Development Goal (UN SDG) Action Award.

My introduction to MY HERO came in high school, when my short film received an award at the annual MY HERO International Film Festival. After falling in love with the work and mission of MY HERO, I spent the next four years serving as one of their young filmmakers and arts educators. Looking back on these four years, I can confidently say that the work of MY HERO is invaluable amidst the current global pandemic and crises we are facing. This is due to the MY HERO Project's innovative and far reaching efforts to empower young people to be global citizens and advance the UN's SDGs in their local and global community.

The MY HERO project made it possible for me--as a young black man--to get recognition for the films and songs that I produced about the heroes in my community. I constantly used and contributed films and curriculum as part of MY HERO's multimedia library, to teach African-American history and dance to elementary and middle school students. More importantly, my work with MY HERO led to a dream job with the peacebuilding organization *Music in Common*.

It is an understatement to say that the work of the MY HERO Project is relevant at this pivotal moment in history. Receiving a UN SDG Action Award would provide MY HERO with the publicity and exposure to advance the UN's fourth SDG (quality education) during this COVID-19 pandemic. With schools across the globe restricted to virtual learning, MY HERO's online library and virtual classrooms would be an invaluable asset for educators and schools to provide a quality education that equips youth to meet the challenges of our generation as peacebuilders and change makers.

The impact that MY HERO has had on my educational and career trajectory reveals the power of the MY HERO project in transforming the lives of young people and equipping them to transform the world!

Sincerely,

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