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**NCCJ Stands with the Dreamers**

*NCCJ supports protections offering safety and opportunity for community members brought to the United States as children*

GREENSBORO – The National Conference for Community and Justice (NCCJ) of the Piedmont Triad is dedicated to building compassionate and inclusive communities. We support public policies that promote fairness and justice for everyone, including the most vulnerable among us. The Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program did exactly that; it was created to protect people who were brought to the United States when they were children. NCCJ stands in solidarity with the “Dreamers” (the name given to these young people), and we wholeheartedly support the protections DACA offered them.

DACA has helped hundreds of thousands of young people across our country, including many here in our community. More than 27,000 North Carolinians have relied on DACA to safely attend school, go to work, and care for their families. Ending DACA protections will have devastating consequences, eliminating these basic yet essential protections and leading to the potential deportation of thousands of young people who have lived in the U.S. for most of their lives, making it the only home they really know. Several ANYTOWN graduates here in our community are among those at risk when DACA expires.

Supporting the Dreamers carries forward our community’s proud tradition of welcoming people from all backgrounds and cultures. Together, we can continue building a community based on inclusion and opportunity - a community where all people of goodwill are welcomed, respected, and encouraged to contribute to the common good.

Without a program like DACA, we deny Dreamers the ability to be fully engaged members of our community. We urge our neighbors and our elected officials to embrace the Dreamers and to support the passage of new legislation that offers them protections and opportunities no less than what DACA gave them.

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**More about NCCJ of the Piedmont Triad**

[NCCJ of the Piedmont Triad](http://www.nccjtriad.org) is a human relations organization that promotes understanding and respect among all cultures, races and religions through education, dialogue, and advocacy. Our mission is to build compassionate and just communities free of bias, bigotry, and racism. We believe that every community should become a place of promise with opportunity and justice for all. NCCJ of the Piedmont Triad, Inc. was founded in 1937 as the Greensboro chapter of the national organization. We became an independent 501(c)3 non-profit in 2005.

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