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"The I Was Here Invitation to Respond, "Nation Builder" Workshops have made a profound impact on empowering the girls of Operation Be You, Inc. From the inception workshop in early 2024, they have matured in understanding who they are through the power of ancestry. This newfound "power," through the creation of their narratives, has shifted their total being as descendants of nation builders and not of descendants of enslaved people. We are changing the narrative for African Americans around the world and these amazing girls are leading the way!" Roberta Davis

I am writing to express my enthusiastic support for the I Was Here project. As the Founder & Executive Director of Operation Be You, I have seen firsthand the transformative power of art in empowering young women, particularly girls of color, through our educational programs and leadership training.

The I Was Here project aligns perfectly with our mission, offering a unique opportunity for the young women in our program to serve as ambassadors. This role will not only enhance their social and leadership skills by engaging them in meaningful community dialogue of nation building and civic responsibility, but will also foster a deep, introspective understanding of their identities and histories. Such reflection is crucial as it empowers them to understand and appreciate their cultural heritage and personal journeys, reinforcing their sense of self-worth and agency.

Through this collaboration, we aim to enrich these young women's lives by providing them with opportunities to contribute positively to their communities while gaining invaluable personal insights. The project's emphasis on cultural engagement and historical appreciation will serve as a foundation for their development into informed, confident, and capable leaders.

We are excited about the potential of this project to make a significant impact and are committed to supporting I Was Here in their endeavor. Thank you for considering their application. We look forward to the possibility of furthering our shared goals through the success of this grant.

Sincerely,

Roberta Davis
Founder & Executive Director
Operation Be You, Inc.

"We believe...All girls can embrace who they are, can define their future, and can change the world"