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To whom it may concern:

Strive2Thrive (S2T) is Albany's initiative to empower impoverished families to move towards self-sufficiency. S2T provides access to resources and services that offer support to families who reside in Albany-Dougherty County and are experiencing situational or generational poverty. By partnering with businesses, social service agencies, faith-based organizations, educational institutions and civic organizations, S2T brings people of all races, income and class lines together to build an integrated system of community-based support. This support builds and strengthens the stability of families. Services include, but are not limited to, peer support, mentoring, counseling, parenting, financial literacy, personal/professional development, life skills, employability skills and career planning.

For several years, SunTrust City President, Chris Misamore has served as a S2T board member. Chris was instrumental in donating surplus furniture and other needed office items to the program. His heart to serve the community and his willingness to assist wherever needed has been a value add to our board. The SunTrust Foundation has also provided assistance with funding to provide support for our self-sufficiency program. In 2018 that funding assisted in program/training support for 278 impoverished men, women and children. It is because of viable partnerships such as this that S2T can continue to do the work to end the cycle of poverty in the lives of our impoverished citizens.

Strive2Thrive supports the merger and is excited about the opportunity for continued partnership as together we forge on to strengthen our community and build a bridge out of poverty!

Kind Regards,

  
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