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FDIC
Atlanta Regional Office
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Atlanta, GA 30309-3849

Dear Sir/Madam:


It is my pleasure to have the opportunity to provide information about the partnership between LEAD Hampton Roads and SunTrust Bank/SunTrust Foundation. LEAD Hampton Roads is the non-profit leadership development arm of the Hampton Roads Chamber of Commerce. Founded in 1987, LEAD now has over 1,500 graduates actively serving the Hampton Roads region. We are proud to have Charity Volman, our SunTrust Market President, and Mark Johnson, SunTrust Vice President and Community Development Manager for Hampton Roads, as graduates of our program.

The support of SunTrust Bank over the years has had a major impact on the ability of LEAD to expand our reach widely into the community. Ten years ago, as we approached our 20th anniversary as an organization, we created the *eXcel Leadership Academy*, a summer program for rising high school juniors and seniors that mirrors the Executive Program. Students are introduced to the world of work and community service with behind the scenes tours, meetings with CEOs and seminars with the business faculty of Old Dominion University. Students are also assisted in securing summer internships in their areas of interest. This program, which now has over 500 graduates, would simply not be possible without the financial support we receive each year from the SunTrust Foundation.

Mark Johnson is the driving force behind our success in attracting a diverse group of students, including those from low-income families. Through the generosity of the SunTrust Foundation, we have never turned a single student away because of an inability to afford the tuition. We are grateful to him and SunTrust for making this possible. Mark's energy and spirit of service is contagious. His work in community engagement has been a positive and powerful reflection on SunTrust Bank and its mission.

We anticipate that the merger of SunTrust and BB&T will enhance and increase their important role in serving and supporting the businesses and people of Hampton Roads. You may contact me directly at acarter@hrchamber or (757) 664-2528.

Sincerely,


Angela Blackwell Carter
Executive Director, LEAD Hampton Roads
Vice President, Hampton Roads Chamber

LEAD Hampton Roads is a program of the Hampton Roads Chamber