



March 21, 2019

SunTrust Bank, Inc.  
1445 New York Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20005  
Attn: Muriel Garr, Senior Vice President Community Development Manager for SunTrust Bank  
Re: SunTrust BB&T Merger /Muriel Garr, Senior Vice President SunTrust Bank

Dear SunTrust,

The purpose of this letter serves to recognize the impact Muriel Garr has made on our programs as the Senior Vice President Community Development Manager for SunTrust Bank. Ms. Garr, SunTrust Bank and the SunTrust Foundation have been unwavering advocates for the scores of underprivileged children we mentor in our STEM the 100 Way Education Initiative, leading to positive outcomes and brighter futures for the hundreds of low-income children residing in the most challenged neighborhoods of the District of Columbia.

Please note that during the last three years we have introduced high school students to coding, RC cars, biomedical engineering and forensic science. Additionally, trained staff augmented their math, English Language Arts, algebra and geometry skills during Saturday sessions. As a consequence of these efforts, grades and performance on the PARCC standardized exams measurably increased for the majority of participants, a group that included a high concentration of students who entered the 9<sup>th</sup> grade reading on a 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade reading level.

Our efforts included an annual field trip to the Army Educational Outreach Program (AEOP) for a "My Brother's Keeper" Day at the Labs event at the Walter Reed Army Institute of Research. Ms. Garr's support was responsible for a full day of interactive lessons and activities with experts in emerging infectious diseases, engineering and biochemistry. Moreover, we have taken our mentees to the National Science Festival, the 100 Black Men national conference in Florida, entered students in a financial literacy contest and placed first in a RC Car competition at the NSBE conference in Pittsburgh.

The 100 Black Men of Greater Washington, D.C. has since been named Non-Profit of the year by the D.C. Chamber of Commerce and received the Jim Vance Community Service Award from our host high school. One could make the case that these accomplishments would not have materialized without the steadfast support of Muriel Garr, SunTrust Bank and the SunTrust Foundation.

We look forward to maintaining a mutually beneficial relationship with the merged SunTrust/BB&T entity and affecting the lives of those striving to improve their circumstances. Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me at (202) 507-6340.

Warm regards,

  
Ivory Johnson, Immediate Past President  
100 Black Men of Greater Washington, DC  
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