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On behalf of the University of Georgia Small Business Development Center, I would like to thank SunTrust for the community support we have received in the Savannah MSA market. For the past two years, the SunTrust Foundation has awarded the Savannah office two local grants to deliver financial education to small business owners. These grants allowed us to deliver over 480 hours of classroom instruction to 80 attendees.

The objective of the Small Business Success Academy is to provide the business owner with an understanding of how money flows through a business, which in turn will arm the business owner with the confidence they need to make better decisions for moving their business forward. This objective was achieved through the programs delivered in 2018 and 2019 and the attendees were able to attend at no cost thanks to the SunTrust support.

We look forward to continuing this relationship and offering no cost financial education to small business owners in our market in the coming years with the support of the new financial institution resulting from the merger of SunTrust and BB&T.

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