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To whom it concerns, I am reaching out regarding the invaluable support SunTrust has provided to Charlotte Wine & Food Weekend, a non-profit, and as a result to our community at large.

In 1989, a group of civic-minded wine and food enthusiasts had a vision of creating a series of events to raise money for charity. Out of this vision, the Charlotte Wine & Food Weekend was born and we have contributed over \$5 million to charities in the Charlotte community over our 30 years of fundraising. Not only does Charlotte Wine & Food Weekend raise money for charity, but we also bring attention to and shine a light on our thriving food and beverage community attracting visitors from near and far and installing a sense of pride in our community. Sponsorship by corporate community partners is essential to our success and to our ability to underwrite expenses and drive as much revenue as possible toward our charity beneficiaries. For the last two years, SunTrust has provided invaluable grants to Charlotte Wine & Food Weekend and our 2018 fiscal resulted in \$250,000 being donated to charity with their support. This year's fundraising cycle is still in motion, but we'll be announcing results this summer.

Charlotte Wine & Food Weekend's charitable endeavors focus on Nourishing Youth and Children, nurturing the whole child in body, mind, and spirit. We are proud to partner with the beneficiaries of the 2017-2019 seasons for Charlotte Wine & Food Weekend: Charlotte Concerts; The Council for Children's Rights; Mitchell's Fund; Pat's Place Family Advocacy; and The Relatives.

With the merger of BB&T and SunTrust, we believe they will only increase their support of the Charlotte community. We are forever grateful for all they have done for us in the past and are hopeful for increased support for the future. As they thrive, we thrive.

Best,

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