

United Way of the Big Bend

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Dear Madam/Sir,

I am writing to express my sincere appreciation for SunTrust Bank's (SunTrust) longstanding strong and committed partnership with United Way of the Big Bend (UWBB) both in terms of volunteer time and financial support. SunTrust has especially been committed to supporting our efforts to address the needs of our ALICE population. ALICE is the acronym for Asset Limited Income Constrained Employed, more simply an acronym used to describe people in our community who are living in poverty and/or struggling to make ends meet.

It is our understanding that SunTrust has or will soon be filing an application with the appropriate federal regulatory agencies for a merger of equals with BB & T. We are confident this proposed merger will serve to strengthen SunTrust's position in our Big Bend community. UWBB would like to express its support for the proposed merger between SunTrust and BB & T.

With an established history of addressing the needs of those in our community who most need our support, UWBB knows that economic insecurity is a critical need that our community must take a collaborative approach to address. SunTrust's continued support of UWBB and our collaborative efforts with our community, helps enable us to work to identify targeted solutions to the economic insecurity problem by funding programs and initiatives designed to address this important human service need.

Finally, we believe this merger of equals between SunTrust and BB & T will bring an even stronger engagement in our community's effort to support the most vulnerable living amongst us. UWBB therefore enthusiastically supports SunTrust's merger application with BB & T.

Very Truly,


Katrina D. Rolle

