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To Whom It May Concern:

Since 1892 The Union Mission has compassionately served the least, the last, and the lost in our community including men, women, and children without a home and with nowhere else to turn. SunTrust has been an important partner to The Union Mission, the largest homeless shelter in Hampton Roads, since 2007 in helping to provide food, shelter and life changing programs for those who come to us in need.

Over the years, the Men's and Women's Shelters moved five times until 2009 when a permanent campus was established in our current location. SunTrust provided significant financial support to our capital campaign from 2008 to 2014 allowing The Mission to greatly increase our capacity to care for men and single women as well as adding the Women and Children's shelter. SunTrust has continued to provide transformative support for the Women and Children's Shelter through their generous gifts in 2016, 2017, and 2018. These gifts support The Mission in being a place of refuge and encouragement for those who come to us trying to overcome life's difficult circumstances as seen in the following story of one of our guests.

Cierra and her brother were raised by their father. They rarely saw their mother. She graduated from high school but at eighteen got pregnant and had a daughter, Aaleyah. In 2013, she started school to become a medical assistant, but left and got a job at a Walmart pharmacy where she stayed for two years. Life was good until she got back with an old boyfriend. "That's when things went downhill. It was really, really horrible and I left him and went to stay with my family, but it was a struggle day after day." She wasn't getting enough hours at work, was trying to pay her car note, and take care of her daughter. When she was no longer able to stay with her family she turned to The Union Mission. "Coming to the Mission is the best thing that ever happened to me. Everybody has been so supportive. I'm going through the hardest time in my life, but they lift me up and pray for me!" Cierra and Aaleyah have moved into their own apartment, and today she has a good paying job, but it's bittersweet. "My brother was killed while I was here and he was the only one I was close to. He'd be with me if he was still alive, so I'm doing this for him too. Being at the Mission has made me stronger. Now I let God handle everything and my brother is in His hands."

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SunTrust is a valued partner of The Union Mission. Their generosity and compassion for the hurting men, women, and children who live in our community make it possible for The Mission to continue to care for their physical and spiritual needs. Thank you for the opportunity to present this letter and please feel free to contact me if I can answer any questions or provide additional information.

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