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Briggs-De Laine-Pearson Foundation

Dear Friends,

It is a pleasure for us to collaborate with the Briggs-De Laine-Pearson Foundation in support of their desire to create an educational opportunity and co-curricular after-school experience for the children and youth in Summerton, Clarendon School District One. The Foundation clearly recognizes the desperate need for the community to extend the efforts of their local schools toward raising academic achievement and preparing its youth to become productive citizens, who are fully engaged in the progress of Summerton.

As a program, we envision our contribution to be involved in designing, developing and participating in after-school programs at the community facility. Through tutoring, mentoring and enrichment experiences during the school year and summer, it is our expectation that it will inspire, encourage and help build a strong academic and personal foundation for K-12 students. We are also motivated by the possibility that some students will be interested enough to pursue a teaching career through the Call Me MiSTER program at one of our South Carolina colleges and universities. Accepted students (MiSTERs) will receive significant financial aid annually from the program to help off-set the cost of college.

It is certainly our hope that the Briggs-De Laine-Pearson Foundation will be successful in receiving the necessary funding support to complete its building project and open its doors to begin meeting the dire need it has already demonstrated exists in Summerton.

Sincerely Yours

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