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Building Futures

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Department of Housing and Urban Development
451 7th St SW
Washington, DC 20410

Dear Sir/Madam:

Stanford American Education Foundation (SAEF) was founded in 1998 to help bridge the digital divide that often exist in low-income and minority communities. Our programs are designed for individuals who may classify themselves as “slow learners.” However, our teachers can attest that anyone, young or old, can benefit from the wealth of opportunities that become available to anyone that is seeking to become computer literate.

SAEF specializes in providing computer instruction to children and youth, as well as adults and seniors. Our programs focus on computer training and career development. Our courses include Keyboard, MS Office Suite, Computer Repair, Web Design, Resume Writing, and so much more. We have a full staff of committed and caring instructors who personally bond with the students and are instrumental in providing our participants with the tools they need to succeed.

Because we are so committed to helping those who are often without access to computers, we joined with MidCity Development programs that were overseen by Edgewood Management Corporation’s division of Community Services more than 18 years ago. Throughout our partnership, SAEF has provided computer instruction to CSF sites in the metropolitan Washington, DC area. Our staff members have, in many ways, become like minded community partners who are committed to the welfare of the Brookland Manor residents.

From the very beginning of our partnership, we were impressed by MidCity Development’s commitment to providing support services at no cost to residents. In our many years of providing community based programs to low income individuals and families, we know that MidCity Development is a leader in their commitment to providing safety net programs that are NOT fee based services. We know that fee based services can be prohibitive to families participating in educational computer programs that can assist them in gaining

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the technology skills essential to their academic and professional development. These no cost programs is a characteristic that we do NOT find in any of the other community based programs where we provide services. MidCity Development's two decades of providing services to the Brookland Manor Community is a testament to their commitment to continue offering residents services long after the redevelopment is completed.

We know that our programs are making a huge impact on the Brookland Manor residents because they work hard to succeed in class and look forward to the annual graduation where we recognize all students' accomplishments. In addition to the youth computer program, Brookland Community Center has a teen program and the teens regularly attend and participate in our services. SAEF was excited to have the teens participate and be awarded in our 2016 Annual Graduation at Prince George's Community College.

We are grateful to MidCity Development, Brookland Manor Apartments and Community Services Foundation for all that they have done and continue to do for children, youth, adults, seniors, and families residing in low-income and at-risk communities throughout the Washington DC metropolitan area. Your work is making a tremendous difference in the lives of so many.

With warmest regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lorraine Stanford".

Lorraine Stanford
Vice President