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Steven Lipstein
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Dear Steve:

I wanted to thank you directly for last week's generous gathering of students, family members, Scholarship Foundation board and staff, and BJC Healthcare board and staff members inaugurating our first BJC Scholars class. Your presence with us as well as the lovely buffet and warm welcome signaled to the students that they are indeed important to the health of our communities. I don't think any student left feeling unknown or unsupported; in fact, together we accomplished just the opposite. We could not have asked for stronger partners in this work. Thank you ever so much.

With nearly a century in this work, we know that racial and economic equity are most directly addressed by educational attainment. We also know, as you explained at the luncheon, education and health outcomes are closely correlated. And both serve to strengthen individuals, families, and entire communities. Like BJC Healthcare, we are in it for good, for the long haul. It is a privilege to share that commitment with you.

We look forward to seeing these scholars develop, and to welcoming more to the program. Thank you, again and again, for providing the means to make these important matches.

Sincerely,



Faith Sandler
Executive Director

*Thanks ever so much for
your leadership and vision!*

cc: June Fowler, Sr. Vice President, Communications, Marketing & Public Affairs