

BOBBIE GREENE

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Maria -

This appears to
be an organization -
that would
interest HRC, but
no one here is
personally familiar
with it. Could
you ask the
appropriate person
on your staff to
vet it for us.

Thanks.

Bobbie

January 9, 1998

Mrs. Hillary Rodham Clinton
c/o Melanne Verveer
Chief of Staff to the First Lady
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mrs. Clinton:

We are sorry that you were not able to attend the National Foundation for Teaching Entrepreneurship, Inc.'s (NFTE – pronounced 'nifty') first 'Adopt-a-Youth-Entrepreneur' Breakfast held Tuesday, December 9, here in our Nation's capital.

We were very pleased with the event's success. Some highlights were that over 350 of Washington's leaders from all sectors came together for the event. And, some thirty NFTE junior and senior high school and young entrepreneurs conducted business and shared their NFTE experience with the guests.

We deeply appreciated the several calls from your staff letting us know of your interest in the event and in NFTE's youth-oriented entrepreneurial training initiatives and programs. NFTE has served over 17,000 inner city youth across the United States since its inception in 1988 and over 1,400 young people in the D.C. area since NFTE came to Washington in 1994.

The National Foundation for Teaching Entrepreneurship provides entrepreneurial training – essentially a 'mini-MBA' for youth (ages 11-21) from low-income communities via direct service, teacher training and curriculum development. NFTE is a 501 (c)(3) organization which relies on private sector (corporate, foundation, individual donor and volunteer) support. We implement our educational entrepreneurial training programs through strategic partnerships with leading youth organizations and public schools throughout the United States.

Given your interest in and support of inner city entrepreneurship and micro-credit loans for adults in low-income communities within the United States and abroad, we believe that NFTE's vision of entrepreneurial youth education and helping inner city youth start their own businesses might be of real interest to you.

As Director of NFTE's Washington Division, I would welcome the opportunity to share with you more about NFTE's initiatives and to offer our resources, experience and network to your efforts supporting inner city entrepreneurship. We would welcome the opportunity to have you and members of your team visit one of the NFTE training programs in a participating D.C. public junior or senior high school or Summer BizCamp.™ Or, perhaps, you would be interested in attending a NFTE-sponsored event where you would have the opportunity to both meet and see in action some of Washington's youngest and most dynamic entrepreneurs!

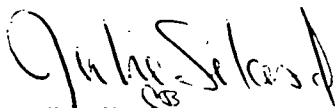
On January 23, NFTE's D.C. Division will be holding its annual Business Plan Competition in which NFTE students will present business plans for their own companies. The judges will be prominent local business leaders committed to inner city and youth entrepreneurship. We extend a cordial invitation to you and/or any members of your staff to attend what promises to be a very exciting, lively and serious NFTE student event!

I shall contact your office mid-January to see if you might be interested in and available to attend part of the NFTE Business Plan Competition or, perhaps, you would like to visit a NFTE training program. Further, I am enclosing some general material about NFTE for your information, as well articles about the NFTE 'Adopt-a-Youth-Entrepreneur' Breakfast and several very enterprising local NFTE youth who are doing great things!

We appreciate very much your interest in the National Foundation for Teaching Entrepreneurship and look forward to working more closely to help rebuild our Nation's capital.

With best wishes to the First Family for the New Year!

Sincerely,



Julie Silard

Divisional Director - Washington D.C.

cc: Bobbie Greene - Deputy Chief of Staff to the First Lady
Steve Mariotti - President & Founder, NFTE

Enclosures

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