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Mrs. Cecile de Jongh  
Financial Trust Company  
6100 Red Hook Quarters, B-3  
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Dear Mrs. de Jongh,

I want to thank you once again for your generous scholarship donation of \$5,000 to JSA. Your support has enabled youth from the Virgin Islands to participate in a high quality civic education program that would otherwise not have been available for them. These youth have had the opportunity to engage in high-level debates, participate in college level courses and experience the thrill and excitement of college lives in the US.

Our mission is "to strengthen American democracy by educating and preparing high school students for life-long involvement and responsible leadership in our society." Our goal is to help students expand their horizons, find their voice, develop an understanding of the world around them, learn about statesmanship, and most importantly, learn and develop strategies that will enable them to make a positive impact on our society. At the core, students explore diverse viewpoints, approach problems and decisions from multiple viewpoints, recognize and question both others and their own assumptions, develop a capacity for empathy, engage with others, and prepare for the future.

On behalf of the staff, board of directors, and students, we thank you again for making a difference in the lives of youth from the Virgin Islands and the well being of our community.

Sincerely,

Mitchell G. Reitman, MSW  
Chief Development Officer