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Dear Corporate Friend

Please find, for your consideration, the following facts sheet for Black Professional Men as supplemental data. Please use this information as rationales for our funding request in support of the Annual Rays of Hope Scholarship Breakfast or any other event you deem appropriate to your corporation.

- **BPM inception** - a nonprofit organization based in Baltimore, Maryland and established in 1991 to address the social, economic and political awareness needs of the African-American community, especially those of the African-American male.
- **Mission statement** - primary purpose is to create initiatives that impact the African-American male personally and in his career development.
- **What we do** – BPM’s members serve as mentors and as role models for young African-American men (ages 12-18) in the Baltimore metropolitan region. Members are also active in other mentoring programs, speaking engagements across the state, and serve on non-profit boards aimed at helping develop the African-American community.
- **Membership** - BPM’s membership includes over 30 dedicated men who come from a variety of professions, including attorneys, engineers, barbers, teachers, architects, financial advisors, councilmen and entrepreneurs.
- **Membership growth** – our growth has averaged about 10% per year.
- **Funding** – We fund our mission through the financial support of the BPM membership, corporation sponsorship, charitable foundations, and patrons of our mentoring and tutoring programs. The Rays of Hope Breakfast is also a major source of funding that support our student scholarships.
- **Scholarships awarded** – One twenty-five (125) scholarships have been awarded since our inception to deserving high school graduates totaling more than \$165,000 in student scholarships.
- **Scholarship awardees graduation statistics** – Since 1999, 41 out of 58 have graduated or 71%. This far exceeds the national average.
- **Professional fields of awardees** – Our graduates have degrees that include: Law, Engineering, International Business, Education, Information Technology and Religion, to name a few.

Success stories –

- BPM scholars 1st semester grade point average since 2004
 - 2004, 3.1 GPA
 - 2005, 3.09 GPA
 - 2006, 3.2 GPA
 - 2007, 3.35 GPA
 - 2008, 3.30 GPA
 - 2009, 3.50 GPA
 - 2010 3.07 GPA
- Scholar Achievements (Sample Group)
 - Robert Watkins III – Columbia Law Degree
 - Tavon Brooks – Cornell University

- Brandon Tilghman - College Administrator UMBC
- Nick Hawkins - Applying to law schools for Sports Management
- Emmanuel Cephas - Phd candidate, Virginia Tech
- Leon Belt - Rhode Island School of Art Design Masters
- Adam Dickerson – IT Consultant at Perdue Corp.
- Leroy Daley – Engineer at Northrup Grumman
- Michael Clark - Minister in Miami, FL
- Dr. Darryl Gray - Residency at Duke University Hospital
- Jordan Matthews has been offered a position at Applied Physics Lab
- 95% of class of 2004 graduated on time
- 100% of class of 2007 graduated on time (15 scholars)
- BPM scholar graduates median salary \$62,000
- **Prior/current corporate sponsorship** –
 - **Prior** – Northrop Grumman, Associated Black Charities, Verizon, Comcast, Mano Swartz, Baltimore Gas & Electric

We thank you in advance for your consideration. If you have any questions and/or concerns, please feel free to contact me. Again, thank you and we look forward to hearing from you in the very near future.

Sincerely,

Teddy Coates
President,
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