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PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT

We are writing to you today to express our gratitude for your commitment to the mission and work of Caroline Center and to personally share some recent, important news.

When Caroline Center opened an additional program site in west Baltimore at St. Agnes Hospital in 2016, we did so in response to a sacred calling and through your generosity and caring. The opportunity you afforded Caroline Center of serving more women in our community and serving them more directly in neighborhoods where the unemployment rate remains quite high, was truly a blessing. We want you to know that the blessing endures and that our gratitude grows as we see our graduates flourish in their new careers.

As St. Agnes Hospital moves forward with its programming and planning for 2020 and beyond, Caroline Center will need to surrender the program space that has graciously been leased to us for the past several years as we awaited the anticipated renovation and opening of the Gibbons Commons site on the hospital's campus. We thank you, our dedicated donors, for helping us to "answer a call" and to be fully

present at a time and in a place where the need was great. This presence is at the heart of the SSND charism; and, we remain committed to being "all in" – to serving whenever and wherever others may not see the potential and promise we know are present. In taking leave of St. Agnes Hospital this fall, we also want to express our appreciation to the hospital's administration and staff, who welcomed us and helped create an ideal educational and career training space for so many proud and accomplished Caroline Center certified nursing assistant graduates.

In September, we will enroll a full cohort of trainees – certified nursing assistant and pharmacy technician candidates – to Caroline Center's Somerset Street campus, where we have always welcomed and served women from throughout the city. In fulfilling our mission, we will, as always, employ our resources wisely. In educating women for meaningful careers, we will remain focused on creating well-being and developing capacity. And, in all that we are called to do, we will stay attentive and open to new paths that have yet to be revealed while staying true to the SSND mission and ministry.

With Appreciation

We are indebted to our staff at Caroline Center, St. Agnes Hospital, in so many ways and for reasons too numerous to recount.

As we reflect upon the SSND-inspired education and career skills training program staff are called upon to deliver, we are grateful for the many ways staff showed their commitment to the 'whole woman,' paying careful attention to each trainee's success and well-being.

Some might say that it would have been enough for staff to transmit knowledge through a comprehensive and challenging curriculum. Or, that it would have been enough to set the bar high in every regard, especially in providing compassionate patient care. Or, that it would have been enough to inspire confidence, through example, in practicing solid nursing assistant skills.

In truth, any one of these might have been enough. But, for the more than 100 Caroline Center, St. Agnes Hospital graduates who are now practicing as certified nursing and geriatric nursing assistants in Baltimore, the powerful combination of knowledge, skill, confidence, and compassion, taught in the SSND tradition, are important hallmarks of excellence.

For these contributions, for their selflessness and caring, and for so much more, we thank our Caroline Center teachers and staff at St. Agnes Hospital. Thank you for helping to build more hopeful lives for women through meaningful careers and for your commitment to women and work.

With gratitude for your commitment and continued support,



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