

Town of St. George

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Anne J. Johnston, Mayor

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December 29, 2015

Governor Nikki Haley
1205 Pendleton Street
Columbia, SC 29201-3756

Dear Governor Haley:

This morning I wrote a letter in support of a grant for Mr. Sylvester Rolack for The School of Advancement which he has founded and is directing. Mr. Rolack returned to his home community after completing his first Master's Degree. He came back to St. George because he wants to help the youth in this community, particularly the African American students and those who are less advantaged. He believes in them. He also believes they need a broader education more focused on the job opportunities of the future. Having been an educator for nearly forty years I appreciate and support his vision.

He mentioned that he hopes to secure a time to talk with you in the near future and plans to write you requesting an appointment. After he left, I, too, decided to write. I want to "put in a good word" for Sy. He needs encouragement, for his is an uphill battle in this rural, economically depressed community. Even though St. George is the county seat, ours is a rural, high LMI community and many adults are not as far-thinking, opened-minded and involved in the community as they should be. His work is appreciated deeply and supported by many citizens, though certainly not the majority.

When his letter does come to you, I do hope that you will give him time even though your schedule is, I would imagine, extremely full. He is not complaining about his community like so many – he is doing something for his community. Individuals like Sylvester Rolack are the ones who will make South Carolina an even better place.

If you want further information before or when you hear from Sy, please contact me.

Sincerely,



Anne J. Johnston, Mayor

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