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Bartlett Arboretum & Gardens

January 27, 2010

Randall M. Skigen
President
Stamford Board of Representatives
888 Washington Boulevard
Stamford, CT 06901



RE: Bartlett Arboretum & Gardens
Education Center

Dear Mr. Skigen:

As President of the Board of Directors of the Bartlett Arboretum Association, Inc., a 501(c)(3) corporation, I am writing to you in connection with the rebuilding of the education building located at the Arboretum. The Arboretum has received a commitment for a sizeable donation from two of our largest donors, Richard Silver and Vivienne Silver of Stamford, who have generously donated to our educational initiatives in the past. The donation is to be specifically allocated towards the rebuilding of our education building, without which the project would not be possible, subject to certain conditions. One of conditions is that the building be forever named after Mr. Silver's now deceased parents, Jacob Silver and Shirley Silver, who were life-long residents of Stamford. I am enclosing a brief biography of them.

The Board of Directors of the Arboretum has unanimously approved the acceptance of the donation, subject to the conditions. In that regard, I am hereby submitting to you a proposal for approval by the City of Stamford Board of Representatives, pursuant to the Ordinances of the City of Stamford pertaining to the naming of City facilities, that the Bartlett Arboretum & Gardens education building be named the Silver Educational Center in honor of Jacob and Shirley Silver.

The earliest consideration of this matter by the Board of Representatives would be greatly appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

Kenneth A. DellaRocco
President, Board of Directors

cc: Honorable Michael A. Pavia (w/enclosure)

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Dear Ken:

This letter is written in response to your request concerning some background information about my deceased parents, Jacob and Shirley Silver.

Our family has had a long history and tradition within the Stamford community. My grandparents immigrated to Stamford from Romania. My grandfather, Isaac Silver, founded a bottling company in Stamford in the early 1900's called Silver Spring Water Company that eventually was located on West Washington Avenue. It is interesting to note that Homer Cummings, who became Attorney General of the United States, incorporated my grandfather's business. My father, Jacob Silver, carried on the family tradition as President of the company which supplied soft drink beverages throughout all of Fairfield County. The company became known as Varuna Spring Water Company, distributing Polo Club beverages.

Over the years, my father established a close relationship with many hundreds of retail customers, restaurants, and small stores. He was also involved in many charitable organizations, and through the entire existence of the company, would regularly make donations of the company products to charitable groups. I often reflect on the great number of Stamford professional people who, while going to college, worked for my dad during the summer in order to pay for their college education.

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My mother Shirley Silver, was a well recognized interior decorator who worked for many years at Bloomingdale's in Stamford. She was also involved in many community activities.

As you can tell from the above, Vivienne and I are very proud of our family's connection with the City of Stamford which has given us the opportunity to give back to the community.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rich". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Richard A. Silver

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