



November 14, 2014

Massachusetts Cultural Facilities Fund Grant Program
Massachusetts Cultural Council
10 St. James Avenue, 3rd Floor
Boston, MA 02116-3803

To Whom It May Concern:

Berkshire Community College's South County Center is located directly across the street from Saint James Place, on Main Street in Great Barrington, and we have been very interested to learn about the plans for this beautiful, historic building. Like many others in the community, we were concerned that it might be demolished. It was very good news that, at least for the time being, it has been spared.

I recently had the pleasure of taking a tour of the facility and speaking with the people involved about their vision for a community arts and cultural center. I am very pleased to write this letter of support for the renovation of Saint James Place and the endeavors to create a downtown cultural mecca.

There are a number of ways I can envision a potential partnership between Saint James Place and Berkshire Community College that could benefit BCC students and the wider community. Ideas include, but are not limited to collaborative programming, music lessons, Forum lectures, community education offerings, and/or student events.

Please support the revitalization of this local landmark. It will either be a tremendous asset, or a terrible loss, to our community. Please feel free to contact me directly at 413-236-5201 if you have questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Julie M. Hannum".

Julie M. Hannum, M. Ed.
Director of Off-Campus Centers