



BARACK OBAMA

May 4, 2021

Jean-Michel Giraud
Washington, D.C.

Dear Jean-Michel:

I wanted to congratulate you on the 30th anniversary of Friendship Place and thank you for everything you and the team are doing to address homelessness in the D.C. area.

As you know, Michelle and I have been fans of yours for years. I still remember helping serve Thanksgiving dinner at your “Feast with Friends” event back in 2015, and I know Michelle has always appreciated the work you’re doing to end veteran homelessness.

Too often, politicians who live and work in Washington don’t spend enough time addressing the issues in their own backyards. It’s why the work you’re doing to help individuals, families, veterans, children, young adults and seniors rebuild their lives is so important – and I’m glad Friendship Place has gotten the national recognition you deserve. With the pandemic putting an even heavier burden on so many families, I’m also happy to hear that you’re launching the HOPE Campaign to do even more.

One of the joys of living in D.C. has been getting to know the different communities in this city – and the people like you and your team who are making them even stronger. So from one neighbor to another, thank you again for everything you’re doing to help people get back on their feet. I’m sure you’ll make an even bigger difference over the next 30 years.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Barack Obama", written over a large, faint circular watermark or background.