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Re: Grant Request toward rebuilding the University of Delaware Chabad Student Center

To the Trustees of the Longwood Foundation:

I write to support the grant proposal submitted by Rabbi Abremel Vogel to rebuild the University of Delaware's Chabad Student Center.

As you may know, the Chabad Center at UD had been set ablaze and destroyed by an arsonist. In its prime, the Chabad Center provided all its meals, services, classes, and counseling for free and is available 24/7 for the needs of UD students. The site and act serve as a second home to many UD students. A vile act so close to home, against an institution that has served so many young adults since 1987, sickened every decent member of our community, state and beyond.

Hate has no home in our community.

Hate has no home where our future generation is nurtured and educated.

Fortunately, Chabad UD is rising to the challenge, transforming misfortune into renewal, growth and hope. Rabbi Vogel hopes to have the Chabad Center in the heart of the university's campus. Based on my conversations with him, building this new center will enable Chabad Center to welcome, teach and inspire the UD community for decades to come. I encourage you to support the Chabad Center's request. I believe the Center will have a significant impact on the Jewish community at UD, in Newark and beyond.

Very Truly Yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Matthew Meyer', is written over a light blue circular stamp.

Matthew Meyer
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