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Mr. Bryan A. Garner American Friends of Dr. Johnson's House 8133 Inwood Road Dallas TX 75209

Dear Bryan,

I am writing on behalf of the trustees and everyone involved with Dr Johnson's House to say how absolutely delighted we are at the foundation of the American Friends. This is a huge step forward in securing the future of the House. It promises to help us realise our ambitions to extend our educational and outreach activities, our cultural profile, and our social impact.

The House has been open to the public for over one hundred years. It's an extraordinary survival within the City of London. It is an unspoilt building from the very end of the seventeenth century that was the birthplace of Samuel Johnson's great *Dictionary of the English Language*, which has been influential in both the United States and Britain. It is a house with myriad stories to tell of creativity and challenge, poverty and triumph, slavery and freedom, and the development of the English language in all its richness and diversity. We very much hope that the American Friends of Dr Johnson's House will help us tell those stories to a wider and more diverse audience.

Thank you for your support!

Yours sincerely

Stephen Clarke Chair, Dr Johnson's House Trust