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**Via Email Only**

**Attorney General Bob Ferguson**  
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PO Box 40100  
Olympia, WA 98504  
Email: [SecurityBreach@atg.wa.gov](mailto:SecurityBreach@atg.wa.gov)

Re: Data Security Incident

**Dear Attorney General Ferguson:**

Wilson Elser Moskowitz Edelman and Dicker LLP (“Wilson Elser”) represents Jewish Family Service (“JFS”) with respect to a potential data security incident involving Blackbaud, Inc. (“Blackbaud”), a third-party provider used by JFS to process and store information, as described in more detail below.

**1. Nature of the security Incident.**

JFS is a nonprofit that helps vulnerable individuals and families in the Puget Sound region achieve well-being, health, and stability. In July 2020, as your Office may already be aware, Blackbaud notified hundreds of nonprofits, including JFS, that Blackbaud experienced a ransomware incident in May 2020 which may have resulted in the exposure of personal information maintained by nonprofits on the Blackbaud platform. JFS was first notified of this incident by Blackbaud on July 16, 2020 that Blackbaud experienced a cybersecurity incident (“Blackbaud Incident”) which resulted in the exposure of personal information maintained by hundreds of non-profit and educational institutions on multiple Blackbaud platforms. (A copy of Blackbaud’s notice of the Incident is attached.) Blackbaud is a cloud computing provider that is used by JFS and many other institutions to organize and store information related to members of their community. After an initial investigation, JFS discovered the Blackbaud platform they use, called ResearchPoint, contained the name, home address, email address, and date of birth of JFS donors. According to communication from Blackbaud, Blackbaud did not encrypt this platform, containing the backup dataset of JFS data.

At this time, based on the information JFS received from Blackbaud, JFS has no reason to believe that any personal information of any members of the JFS community has been or will be misused as a result of this incident.

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**2. Number of Washington State residents affected.**

A total of three thousand two hundred four (3,204) Washington residents may have been potentially affected by this incident. While JFS is not aware of any misuse of donor information, JFS is notifying these individuals of the Blackbaud Incident out of an abundance of caution since the information included individual's dates of birth which constitutes protected information under Washington's privacy law. A notification letter to these individuals was mailed on September 14, 2020 by first class mail. A sample copy of the notification letter is included with this letter.

**3. Steps taken.**

JFS takes the privacy and security of their information very seriously, and has taken steps to protect the privacy and security of potentially impacted individuals' information. Upon discovery of the incident, JFS immediately informed Wilson Elser Moskowitz Edelman & Dicker LLP, and began identifying the individuals contained within the ResearchPoint platform in preparation for notice. JFS has also requested Blackbaud to explain the steps it has taken to mitigate the risk of a similar attack. Blackbaud has stated that the provider's teams were able to quickly identify the vulnerability associated with this incident, including the tactics used by the cybercriminal, and took swift action to fix it. They have confirmed through testing by multiple third parties, including the appropriate platform vendors, that their fix withstands all known attack tactics. Additionally, they are accelerating our efforts to further harden their environment through enhancements to access management, network segmentation, deployment of additional endpoint and network-based platforms.

**4. Contact information.**

JFS remains dedicated to protecting the sensitive information in its control. If you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me at [Anjali.Das@WilsonElser.com](mailto:Anjali.Das@WilsonElser.com) or (312) 821-6164.

Very truly yours,

**Wilson Elser Moskowitz Edelman & Dicker LLP**  
Anjali C. Das



Enclosure.

[REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 16, 2020 7:30 AM  
[REDACTED]

**Subject:** Notification of Security Incident

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[REDACTED]  
Please see a personalized note below for your organization from our Chief Information Officer. Thank you.

[REDACTED]  
**We are writing to notify you about a particular security incident that recently occurred. Please review this email for a personalized link, next steps and resources created for your organization specifically.**

#### **What Happened**

The Cybercrime industry represents an over trillion-dollar industry that is ever-changing and growing all the time—a threat to all companies around the world. At Blackbaud, our Cyber Security team successfully defends against millions of attacks each month and is constantly studying the landscape to ensure we are able to stay ahead of this sophisticated criminal industry. **In May of 2020, we discovered and stopped a ransomware attack. In a ransomware attack, cybercriminals attempt to disrupt the business by locking companies out of their own data and servers. After discovering the attempted attack, our Cyber Security team—together with independent forensics experts and law enforcement—successfully prevented the cybercriminal from blocking our system access and fully encrypting files; and ultimately expelled them from our system.**

Prior to our locking the cybercriminal out, the cybercriminal removed a copy of a subset of data from our self-hosted environment. The cybercriminal did not access credit card information, bank account information, or social security numbers. Because protecting our customers' data was our top priority, we paid the cybercriminal's demand with confirmation that the copy they removed had been destroyed.

Based on the nature of the incident, our research, and third party (including law enforcement) investigation, we have no reason to believe that any data went beyond the cybercriminal, was or will be misused; or will be disseminated or otherwise made available publicly. In accordance with regulatory requirements and in an abundance of caution, we are notifying all organizations whose data was part of this incident and are providing resources and tools to help them assess this incident.

#### **What This Means for Your Organization Specifically**

Our public cloud environment (Microsoft Azure and Amazon Web Services) and most of our self-hosted datacenters, products and customers were not part of this incident, but we have confirmed the following specific to your organization:

- A copy of your ResearchPoint backup was part of this incident. Again, the file the cybercriminal removed a copy of did not contain any credit card information. Further, the cybercriminal did not gain access to bank account information, usernames, passwords, or social security numbers stored in your database because they were encrypted. None of your data was lost or corrupted as a result of this incident.

**And again, based on the nature of the incident, our research, and third party (including law enforcement) investigation, we have no reason to believe that any data went beyond the cybercriminal, was or will be misused; or will be disseminated or otherwise made available publicly. We have hired a third-party team of experts to monitor the dark web as an extra precautionary measure.**

We have created a [resource page](http://www.blackbaud.com/incidentresources) for you at [www.blackbaud.com/incidentresources](http://www.blackbaud.com/incidentresources) that features a toolkit with a step-by-step guide to help you as you digest this information. It also contains answers to key questions, links to educational webinars (hosted by Rich Friedberg, Blackbaud's Chief Information Security Officer and Cameron Stoll, our Head of Privacy), information about our future plans, and other resources.

It is unlikely but possible, depending on jurisdiction, that our customers may have to make further notifications to constituents or other third parties. Your toolkit provides a written guide to notification laws and access to a webinar that helps you assess potential notification requirements in your jurisdictions. We advise you to also consult with your organization's legal counsel to understand any notification requirements. We want to continue to be your partner through this incident. If you determine that you do need to notify your constituents, we have included templates in your toolkit to make it easier.

**To ensure all your questions are answered as quickly as possible, we encourage you to first review the resources we provided at the link above. If you still have questions after reviewing these resources, we are here to help. Please contact the dedicated team we have established for this incident:**

- **North and South America:** 1-855-907-2099 between 9 a.m. and 9 p.m. ET Monday – Friday

We understand this situation is frustrating. This was a very sophisticated attack, and while we were able to defend against it for the most part, we realize this is still requiring that you invest time to review the situation, and that you may need to invest time to take follow-up actions. We apologize for this and will continue to do our very best to supply help and support as we and our customers jointly navigate any necessary response to the cybercriminal's actions.

Sincerely,

Todd Lant  
Chief Information Officer



Please add [ashley.lawrence@blackbaud.com](mailto:ashley.lawrence@blackbaud.com) to your address book or safe senders list.



JEWISH FAMILY SERVICE

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September 14, 2020

Dear <<Name 1>>:

Out of an abundance of caution, we are writing to inform you of a data security incident involving Blackbaud, Inc. (“Blackbaud”). Jewish Family Service (“JFS”) takes the security of your information very seriously, and we sincerely apologize for any inconvenience this incident may cause.

Blackbaud is a cloud computing provider that is used by JFS and many other institutions to organize and store information related to members of our community. In July 2020, as you may already be aware, Blackbaud notified hundreds of institutions, including JFS, that Blackbaud experienced a cybersecurity incident which resulted in the exposure of some personal information maintained by educational and nonprofit institutions on the Blackbaud platform. JFS was first notified of this incident by Blackbaud on July 16, 2020.

At this time, based on the information we have received from Blackbaud, we have no reason to believe that any personal information of members of the JFS community has been misused as a result of this incident. However, for purposes of full disclosure, we feel it is important to inform you that limited information of yours may have been viewed by unauthorized individuals as a result of this incident.

Specifically, JFS has recently utilized one Blackbaud platform known as ResearchPoint. We feel it is important to inform you that we used ResearchPoint to store the following unencrypted information which we believe may have been exposed as a result of this incident: (1) your name, (2) your date of birth, (3) your home address, and (4) your email address, in addition to some demographic information. JFS does not store Social Security numbers of our donors or financial account information in Blackbaud.

Since being notified of this incident by Blackbaud on July 16, 2020, JFS has worked diligently to gather as much information as possible about what happened. JFS felt it necessary to understand the situation as thoroughly and accurately as possible before sharing this communication with those of you whose information was directly affected.

Washington law also allows consumers to place a security freeze on their credit reports, free of charge. A security freeze prohibits a credit reporting agency from releasing any information from a consumer’s credit report without written authorization. However, please be aware that placing a security freeze on your credit report may delay, interfere with, or prevent the timely approval of any requests you make for new loans, credit mortgages, employment, housing or other services.

To place a security freeze on your credit report, you must make a direct request by telephone, secure electronic means (website), or written request to each of the three major consumer reporting agencies: Equifax; Experian; and TransUnion at the addresses and/or numbers below:

Equifax Security Freeze  
P.O. Box 105788  
Atlanta, GA 30348  
[my.equifax.com/consumer-registration](http://my.equifax.com/consumer-registration)  
(800) 349-9960

Experian Security Freeze  
P.O. Box 9554  
Allen, TX 75013  
[experian.com/freeze](http://experian.com/freeze)  
(888) 397-3742

TransUnion Security Freeze  
Fraud Victim Assistance Dept.  
P.O. Box 2000  
Chester, PA 19022-2000  
[transunion.com/credit-freeze](http://transunion.com/credit-freeze)  
(888) 909-8872

In order to request a security freeze, you will need to provide the following information:

1. Your full name (including middle initial as well as Jr., Sr., II, III, etc.)
2. Social Security number;
3. Date of birth;
4. If you have moved in the past five (5) years, provide the addresses where you have lived over the prior five (5) years;
5. Proof of current address, such as a current utility bill or telephone bill;
6. A legible photocopy of a government issued identification card (state driver's license or ID card, military identification, etc.)
7. If you are a victim of identity theft, include a copy of either the police report, investigative report, or complaint to a law enforcement agency concerning identity theft.

The credit reporting agencies have one (1) business day after receiving a telephone or secure electronic request, or three (3) business days after receiving your written request, to place a security freeze on your credit report. The credit bureaus must also send written confirmation to you within five (5) business days and provide you with a unique personal identification number (PIN) or password, or both, that can be used by you to authorize the removal or lifting of the security freeze.

To permanently remove the security freeze, or to temporarily lift the security freeze for a specified period of time or to provide a specified entity access to your credit report, you must make a request either by phone, through secure electronic means (website), or send a written request to the credit reporting agencies by mail. Requests must include proper identification (name, address, and Social Security number) and the PIN or password provided to you when you placed the security freeze. To temporarily remove the security freeze, include the specific period of time you want the credit report available or the name of the entity you want to have access to your credit report.

In the case of a request by phone or secure electronic means, the security freeze will be lifted within one (1) hour after receiving the request for removal; or in the case of a request that is by mail, the credit reporting agencies have three (3) business days after receiving your request to permanently or temporarily remove the security freeze.



Please understand that this Blackbaud incident affected many different institutions in many different ways. The types of information that nonprofits store on Blackbaud varies widely from institution to institution.

Blackbaud has also assured us that measures have been taken to strengthen its network security, as well as secure data stored within the Blackbaud system.

We have been in regular contact with Blackbaud and regret any inconvenience this situation may cause you. Should you have any further questions or concerns regarding this matter, please contact Lisa Schultz Golden, Chief Development Officer, at [Lgolden@jfsseattle.org](mailto:Lgolden@jfsseattle.org)

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "W. B.", likely representing Rabbi Will Berkovitz.

Rabbi Will Berkovitz  
Chief Executive Officer

### *Additional Important Information*

**For residents of Hawaii, Michigan, Missouri, Virginia, Vermont, and North Carolina:** It is recommended by state law that you remain vigilant for incidents of fraud and identity theft by reviewing credit card account statements and monitoring your credit report for unauthorized activity.

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**For residents of Illinois, Iowa, Maryland, Missouri, North Carolina, Oregon, and West Virginia:**

It is required by state laws to inform you that you may obtain a copy of your credit report, free of charge, whether or not you suspect any unauthorized activity on your account. You may obtain a free copy of your credit report from each of the three nationwide credit reporting agencies. To order your free credit report, please visit [www.annualcreditreport.com](http://www.annualcreditreport.com), or call toll-free at 1-877-322-8228. You can also order your annual free credit report by mailing a completed Annual Credit Report Request Form (available at <https://www.consumer.ftc.gov/articles/0155-free-credit-reports>) to: Annual Credit Report Request Service, P.O. Box 105281, Atlanta, GA, 30348-5281.

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**For residents of Iowa:**

State law advises you to report any suspected identity theft to law enforcement or to the Attorney General.

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**For residents of Oregon:**

State laws advise you to report any suspected identity theft to law enforcement, including the Attorney General, and the Federal Trade Commission.

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**For residents of Arizona, Colorado, Maryland, Rhode Island, Illinois, New York, and North Carolina:**

You can obtain information from the Offices of the Attorney General and the Federal Trade Commission about fraud alerts, security freezes, and steps you can take toward preventing identity theft.

**Maryland Office of the Attorney General** Consumer Protection Division 200, St. Paul Place Baltimore, MD 21202 1-888-743-0023 [www.oag.state.md.us](http://www.oag.state.md.us)

**Rhode Island Office of the Attorney General** Consumer Protection 150 South Main Street, Providence RI 02903 1-401-274-4400 [www.riag.ri.gov](http://www.riag.ri.gov)

**North Carolina Office of the Attorney General** Consumer Protection Division, 9001 Mail Service Center Raleigh, NC 27699-9001 1-877-566-7226 [www.ncdoj.com](http://www.ncdoj.com)

**Federal Trade Commission** Consumer Response Center, 600 Pennsylvania Ave, NW Washington, DC 20580 1-877-IDTHEFT (438-4338) [www.ftc.gov/idtheft](http://www.ftc.gov/idtheft)

**New York Office of Attorney General** Consumer Frauds & Protection, The Capitol Albany, NY 12224 1-800-771-7755 <https://ag.ny.gov/consumer-frauds/identity-theft>

**Colorado Office of the Attorney General** Consumer Protection 1300 Broadway, 9<sup>th</sup> Floor, Denver, CO 80203 1-720-508-6000 [www.coag.gov](http://www.coag.gov)

**Arizona Office of the Attorney General** Consumer Protection & Advocacy Section, 2005 North Central Avenue, Phoenix, AZ 85004 1-602-542-5025

**Illinois Office of the Attorney General** Consumer Protection Division 100 W Randolph St., Chicago, IL 60601 1-800-243-0618 [www.illinoisattorneygeneral.gov](http://www.illinoisattorneygeneral.gov)

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**For residents of Massachusetts:** It is required by state law that you are informed of your right to obtain a police report if you are a victim of identity theft

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**For residents of all states:**

**Fraud Alerts:** You can place fraud alerts with the three credit bureaus by phone and online with Equifax ([https://assets.equifax.com/assets/personal/Fraud\\_Alert\\_Request\\_Form.pdf](https://assets.equifax.com/assets/personal/Fraud_Alert_Request_Form.pdf)); TransUnion (<https://www.transunion.com/fraud-alerts>); or Experian (<https://www.experian.com/fraud/center.html>). A fraud alert tells creditors to follow certain procedures, including contacting you, before they open any new accounts or change your existing accounts. For that reason, placing a fraud alert can protect you, but also may delay you when you seek to obtain credit. As of September 21, 2018, initial fraud alerts last for one year. Victims of identity theft can also get an extended fraud alert for seven years. The phone numbers for all three credit bureaus are at the bottom of this page.

**Monitoring:** You should always remain vigilant and monitor your accounts for suspicious or unusual activity.

**Security Freeze:** You also have the right to place a security freeze on your credit report. A security freeze is intended to prevent credit, loans, and services from being approved in your name without your consent. To place a security freeze on your credit report, you need to make a request to each consumer reporting agency. You may make that request by certified mail, overnight mail, regular stamped mail, or by following the instructions found at the websites listed below. The following information must be included when requesting a security freeze (note that if you are requesting a credit report for your spouse or a minor under the age of 16, this information must be provided for him/her as well): (1) full name, with middle initial and any suffixes; (2) Social Security number; (3) date of birth; (4) current address and any previous addresses for the past five years; and (5) any applicable incident report or complaint with a law enforcement agency or the Registry of Motor Vehicles. The request must also include a copy of a government-issued identification card and a copy of a recent utility bill or bank or insurance statement. It is essential that each copy be legible, display your name and current mailing address, and the date of issue. As of September 21, 2018, it is free to place, lift, or remove a security freeze. You may also place a security freeze for children under the age of 16. You may obtain a free security freeze by contacting any one or more of the following national consumer reporting agencies:

**Equifax Security Freeze**

P.O. Box 105788  
Atlanta, GA 30348  
[www.freeze.equifax.com](http://www.freeze.equifax.com)  
800-525-6285

**Experian Security Freeze**

P.O. Box 9554  
Allen, TX 75013  
[www.experian.com/freeze](http://www.experian.com/freeze)  
888-397-3742

**TransUnion (FVAD)**

P.O. Box 2000  
Chester, PA 19022  
[freeze.transunion.com](http://freeze.transunion.com)  
800-680-7289

More information can also be obtained by contacting the Federal Trade Commission listed above.