Our mission: To strengthen the social and emotional well-being of youth and families through counselling and related support services.

July 10, 2009

Mr. David Kibuuka Artistic Director Modern Batik Art Workshops

Dear David;

I am pleased to provide you with a testimonial of the workshops you have recently provided with youth in Rapport's Youth Arts Against Violence program (YAAV).

We were thrilled when you contacted us around the possibility of delivering your art workshops to our youth. One of the key objectives of YAAV is to increase youths' self-esteem and self-confidence through the unique and intrinsic qualities of artistic expression, and to highlight the positive aspects of youth to the broader community. An important aspect of the program is to engage community artists to provide workshops and training sessions for youth in various techniques related to a number of artistic mediums.

The many hours that you spent with our youth in teaching them the basics of Modern Batik Art has not only produced a number of beautifully original student art, but more importantly your workshops provided youth with an opportunity for personal growth. Written feedback from the workshop participants and their parents was overwhelmingly positive. In particular, they cited the following results: helped the participants develop their artistic ability, improved their self-confidence, and increased their interest in art.

These are fantastic results and very much in line with the objectives of our program. Many of the youth expressed an interest in continuing their involvement with this art technique and indicated that they would tell their friends about it. It is my hope that we can continue to keep you engaged with our youth so that many more young persons can benefit from your wonderful interactive style, your mentoring ability, and the beauty of Modern Batik Art.

Sincerely,

Paul Sherman Executive Director

