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Charles Ahovissi African Culture Connection 1823 South 155<sup>th</sup> Avenue Omaha, Nebraska 68144

Dear Charles:

I would like to congratulate you on being named as the recipient of the 2012 National Arts & Humanities Youth Program Award. What a tremendous accomplishment in your career and in the history of African Culture Connection!

Your work in educating and informing children across the metro and nation about the diversity, beauty, and complexity of the African culture has been inspirational. By teaching children the about the cultures and customs of Africa, you not only help them learn, but you reinforce the message that young people need to keep culture alive. Even if its traditions and practices are being lived out thousands of miles away from home.

Once again, congratulations on this tremendous honor and thank you for all that you do for our community.

Kind regards,

Im Suttle, Mayor City of Omaha

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