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The Light of The Heart
c/o Melissa Hedlund Nelson, Executive Director
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Dear Melissa:

I hope that this letter finds you in the best of health and spirits.

On behalf of the City of Aurora, I thank you for your service to the community through Light of the Heart. As an educator and community advocate, I can't say enough great things about Light of the Heart and the work that you are doing.

Art heals and we can clearly see that in all that you do. Your dedication, passion, and genuinely caring nature have all blended together to make Light of the Heart a magnet in Aurora. I have truly enjoyed the many events that I have attended. Each time, I walk away with more energy and enthusiasm than I came with to the event. That is certainly not by accident. You have designed an opening where light truly does come from and to the heart.

I've been working in this community for decades and have been able to watch it grow in many ways from sheer population to substantive services. When I first heard of Light of the Heart, the name immediately intrigued me. I studied and was quite impressed. When I first met you after that, it all made sense. YOU embody and personify that light that fills the hearts. You KNOW the power of art and its healing capabilities because you live it every single day. Light of the Heart is an INTEGRAL part of Aurora and a key piece to the fabric of this community that, through art, you have helped to make into an ever-growing masterpiece. Know that you that I am a supporter, friend, and fan of all that you do. Keep up the great work!

If I can be of assistance at any time, please do not hesitate to reach out to me. I'll be there trying to be a reflection of you! Aurora needs you and thanks you for your service.

Respectfully,

Clayton A. Muhammad
Director of Community Relations and Public Information