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Subject: CHALKFEST Thank You from Action 29 Palms

Everyone,

Action 29 Palms would like to thank you again for the financial support we received from the City of 29 Palms Public Arts Advisory Council and Celebrating 29 Years in 29 Palms as well as donating your time to participate in our 7th annual Chalkfest.

I am attaching photos from the festival for you to see the results of your investment in our community and future artists. These also can be found on our website at Action29PalmsMurals.com. Parent feedback from the free youth chalk art class was very positive. Tremendous gratitude was expressed for the City funding a quality art class allowing their child to learn from a professional chalk artist.

We had over 50 sign ups with 45 showing up (ages 5-13) for the class. Thirty of those students participated in our KiDz ZoNe competition and all medal winners selected had attended the class. Professional Chalk Artist Lori Antoinette instructed the class --- website address LAntart.com. Taunya Caussaux, amateur artist with entry #8, was a former KiDz ZoNe competitor and took Mayor's Choice. She is a high school student and was absolutely shocked when her name was called as the winner for Mayor's Choice. Her smile says it all!

We also want to thank the City for the commemorative coins you had printed up. We had a 5th grader who took 1st place last year that did not place this year. She came both days to work on her square for the KiDz ZoNe competition. Although she did not receive a medal, she came to the awards ceremony to support the other winners. On Monday, I met with her and her mother and presented a coin and thank you card. She was so excited! I told her Mayor Mintz and the Council wanted her to have the coin for her dedication to learning and practicing new techniques and growing as an artist. She will be a 6th grader next year and is considering to return as an amateur artist.

Lastly, the funds we received from Celebrating 29 Years in 29 Palms allowed us to add food and music which made the festival our best yet. Thank you again for supporting Action 29 Palms 7th Annual Chalkfest and allowing us to extend fun learning opportunities to the youth as well as being a part of celebrating the City's 29th year. May you have a wonderful holiday season!

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