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Kevin Foy, Mayor
Members of the Chapel Hill Town Council
W. Calvin Horton, Town Manager
Town of Chapel Hill
306 North Columbia Street
Chapel Hill, NC 27516

Dear Mayor Foy, Mr. Horton and members of the Council,

Chapel Hill, Carrboro and Orange County have, for so many years, been a welcoming home for the arts, artists and arts organizations. Thank you for helping to make that possible through your support of the arts, and particularly of The ArtsCenter.

The purpose of this letter is to request your continued financial support for this organization during FY 03-04. In spite of the challenging economy, this community continues attending our programs and making use of our services, especially our services for children and families.

Children's programs alone will serve approximately 30,000 children, teachers and parents during FY 03-04. Seventy-five percent of The ArtsCenter School Shows are sold out with waiting lists. Summer programs for children are expected to see a 20% growth in enrollment this year, after a 50% growth last summer. Our after school program, the area's only arts-based after school program for children, will provide up to 30 students a month with safe, supervised after school care. Additionally, we are working to expand our after school transportation service to include transportation from school to youth who are not participating in the daily after school program, but would like the opportunity to attend once-a-week ArtSchool courses, and who have no after school transportation.

Family events like the interactive presentation of "Jonkanu and the Christmas Gift" will provide an opportunity to bring the community's families together for a holiday celebration in the streets of Carrboro, and the fall World Arts Festival will, for the second year, give this community a taste, through music, theater, classes and lectures, of the many cultures that, together, make Chapel Hill, Carrboro and Orange County such a richly diverse region in which to live.

Your support helps make this possible. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Judi Cooper
Director of Marketing and Development