October 21, 2011

The Honorable Pat Quinn
Governor, State of Illinois
James R. Thompson Center
100 West Randolph Street, Floor 16
Chicago, IL 60601

Dear Governor Quinn:

First, I am writing to thank you and your staff leadership for including the Chicago Area Project/Neighborhood Recovery Initiative (NRI) young people and adult mentor participation with the Governor Office at the Bud Billiken parade this past August. We had nearly 200 participants representing Grand Boulevard and West Garfield Park neighborhoods matching and promoting back to school messages.

Secondly, the young people and mentors formerly request that you join us for the Chicago Area Project NRI/ Mentoring plus Jobs Closing Celebration, Saturday, November 5, 2011 between 11:00am and Noon.

The event will be held at the El Palais Bu She' 4628 West Washington Blvd, Chicago, Illinois. We will be honoring the 200 youth and their mentors for the outstanding accomplishments achieved this past summer. We would like you to provide brief remarks on your commitment to promoting neighborhood violence prevention through positive youth development and coordinated support services for parents, children, indigenous leaders and other stakeholders. Also, we would like you to assist with the award presentations.

Your presence will mean a great deal to the families, young people and mentors who respect and appreciate the opportunities you provided in helping local people, taking local actions, with local solutions.

If possible, could you please contact Mr. Marcus Warner, event coordinator, confirming your participation or more information. He can be reach at (773) 638-0970 or (312) 371-6027.

Thanks in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Howard Lathan, Associate

Executive Director

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