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Modern Batik Art Workshop Centre, 4220 Steeles Avenue West, Suite C-14, Woodbridge, Ontario, L6L 3S8

Dear David:

On behalf of Flemingdon Health Centre I would like to thank you for ensuring that our March Break "Flemingdon Art-A-Thon 2008", geared to middle school youth, was a resounding success. Bringing Modern Batik Art to Flemingdon was a unique opportunity for 12 talented youth in our community. I have received overwhelmingly positive comments from youth and as one individual expressed, "David, the art instructor is wonderful. He encouraged me in every step".

One of our program goals in the Social Work Department is to provide opportunities for youth to use diverse art mediums to communicate thoughts and feelings in a safe and non-judgmental atmosphere. This is precisely what we achieved in the March Break program and art pieces such as "A flower had no perfect petals", "There's no way going back!" and "Somalian Beauty", are a few examples of the work produced that reflected their abilities and your excellent instruction.

In regards to the actual techniques used in Modern Batik Art, students were excited about learning a new "style of art". Specific feedback received from youth included, "my favorite part was when we used ink to highlight the batik"; "I love the waxing, painting, sketching and outlining - it was all fun".

The framed work which is currently being exhibited at Valley Park Middle School has been viewed widely by community members and received very positive feedback. A big thank you to you David for working in partnership with Flemingdon Health Centre to bring to fruition our vision of bringing Modern Batik Art to this community and for passing on your talents and passion for your work to the youth in our community. I look forward to working with you on future collaborative initiatives.

Kind regards, Darryl Gershater Social Worker, Flemingdon Health Center