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Nov. 1, 2013

To: Tim Grant, Director
Winston-Salem Recreation & Parks Department

From: Sylvia Oberle, Executive Director
Habitat for Humanity of Forsyth County

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "SO", is written over the name Sylvia Oberle.

I appreciate your willingness to receive Habitat for Humanity of Forsyth County's request that the Habitat house sculpture, gifted to the city in 2006, be donated back to Habitat to be used as a public art sculpture at the site of the new Habitat ReStore on Coliseum Drive.

The house sculpture, designed and created by artists Dempsey Calhoun and Jan Detter, was commissioned by Habitat to commemorate the 20th anniversary of Habitat in Forsyth County. Throughout the process, many people in the community were involved in creating mosaic tiles that formed the sides of the house. At the time, Habitat wanted to ensure that the sculpture be displayed in a visible setting to recognize the contributions of so many people in Winston-Salem and Forsyth County to affordable housing. That was not possible at Habitat's offices and ReStore on Witt Street, and Habitat offered to donate the sculpture to the city of Winston-Salem for display in one of the public parks.

The sculpture was displayed for a short time on the grounds of the now-Wells Fargo building downtown, but has been in storage since that building was sold. It is my understanding that any plans to locate the sculpture on city property are on hold and that the sculpture is currently in storage.

With our move to the new ReStore at Coliseum Drive and University Parkway, Habitat for Humanity would like to situate the sculpture outside the new ReStore as part of the entry plaza to the store. We believe that this will not only add visual interest to the store's exterior, but also be an opportunity to permanently and publicly highlight the partnership between the City of Winston-Salem and Habitat for Humanity.

Habitat for Humanity will incur all costs associated with the moving of the sculpture from its present location. In addition, we will add a plaque about the City/Habitat partnership to the landscaping around the sculpture.

Thank you for your consideration.