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Inclusive Arts Fest

It is my sincere pleasure to send my warmest personal greetings to all the attendees and special guests of the Inclusive Arts Fest.

I would like to thank Artists and Artisans Development Network (ADDN) and all of the community organizations that partnered to make this event possible.

It is so important to support the arts, because celebrating the arts is celebrating life, celebrating creativity, celebrating our humanity, with all its strengths and all its flaws. And creativity and culture is the spark of innovation and of inspiration.

I am pleased to note that the theme for this event is promoting the arts and culture as a platform to bring awareness to multiculturalism, inclusion and empowerment and to promote inter-cultural understanding, encourage talents of refugee and immigrant artists and artisans, foster collaboration, and engage volunteers and students in community development model.

We are blessed to live in a community that is one of the most diverse in the country, and that diversity is a great source of strength. It is what makes Scarborough such a great place to live, and is certainly worthy of celebration.

Best wishes, and enjoy this great event!

Sincerely,

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