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Dear Mr. Poling:

I am writing to inform you of the Turner Center for the Art's seventh annual Spring Into Art show, a fundraiser for the center's afterschool program, Grassroots. The opening reception will be held on April 1, at 6 p.m. and is open to the public.

More than 25 local artists, including Jim Touchton and Jenny Cowart, will be featured. Artwork done by children in Grassroots will also be displayed. Each piece of art will be for sale and prints will be available in the gift shop.

The Spring Into Art show is free to the public. Last year, more than 350 people from Lowndes County attended the opening reception and 527 visitors visited throughout the event.

Grassroots' purpose is to reach out to children in the community who otherwise may not be exposed to the arts. The program has benefited more than 500 children in our area since its beginning in 2001.

Please let me know if I can assist you with any further information.

Sincerely,

Merry Parker Whidby
Turner Center for the Arts, vice-president of public relations and marketing