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Dear Joyce,

What a wonderful picture of you in the Star-News and interview with TV3. I have such a good feeling about how everything came together to make this Jonkonnu true, authentic and respectful. It could not have happened without you. Your generosity of spirit, your thoughtful sincerity and your steadfast belief in the ultimate good of the project - all of these were invaluable. I can not thank you enough.

Sadie dropped this article by and I thought you would be interested in it. It confirms, on a scholarly level, the spiritual connection between Jonkonnu and Afrikan traditions and their passing between generations. It also says that the most significant part of Jonkonnu happened away from white society, in the quarters. I would love to get funding next year to bring this scholar to Wilmington to speak.

I hope you have had a wonderful beginning to the New Year!

Again, thank you,

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