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Dear Katie,

Thank you so much for the wonderful Digital Arts Day on Saturday! This is just the kind of activity our Girl Scouts are interested in, and it was great to partner with you for this. I was very impressed with the day as a whole.

I was especially awed by and grateful for the infrastructure Create Appalachia was able to provide. Our Girl Scouts are used to being in computer labs, but I know all of them were new to such state-of-the-art equipment and were very excited by the chance to use the drawing tablets. (I have to admit, so was I!) I feel like youth are so often given the lesser quality things to work with, the hand-me-downs, so it was a wonderful change to have access to professional-quality equipment and software.

Thank you, also, for bringing in Fate to teach our class. They worked so well with the participants and were just a joy to have! Their enthusiasm is contagious.

As we discussed, I am very much interested in continuing this sort of work and bringing more programs like this to our Council region, especially our more rural markets. Admittedly, cost will be a factor. This class was \$25 per person, and I would be very hesitant to go any higher. Already I know this price may have been a determining factor for some, so I would love to be able to keep the cost as low as possible while still maintaining the excellent quality of the program itself. I know that's not easy!

Just a quick note on programming, I know some Girl Scouts struggled to come up with a character to animate. Perhaps next time, the teaching artist could come up with some sort of basic storyline where the participants are tasked with choosing a character from the story to illustrate. It could even be a well-known fairy tale. It might help get some of their juices flowing!

Overall, it was a fantastic day and we had a blast. Thanks again, and I look forward to working with you more in the future!

Yours in Girl Scouting,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lynnea H. Salinas". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "L".

Lynnea H. Salinas

