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To: The President's Committee on the Arts and the Humanities

RE: Mary Johnson, *Imagine the Impossible*

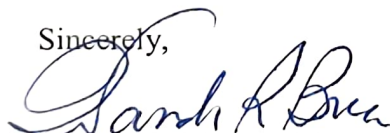
It is my pleasure to nominate Mary Johnson, Founder and Executive Director of *Imagine the Impossible* for the Coming Up Taller Award 2008. We have been holding practices and performances for the classical ballet organization at The Women's Museum at Fair Park for eight months and have witnessed the positive impact the participants receive.

It is amazing to watch this precious group of children, who would otherwise never have an opportunity to learn classic ballet, perform their dances. Dressed in their tutus and reaching for their dreams, they do a remarkable job of executing the ballet.

Mary and the other instructors have done an outstanding job with the group. The children are clearly sparkling with new self esteem and demonstrating the self-control necessary for ballet. These skills and dreams will enhance their performance in school and in all areas of their lives.

Mary is making a significant difference for the 500 underserved children participating in the innovative program. *Imagine the Impossible* is well deserving of the Coming Up Taller Award 2008.

Sincerely,



Wanda R Brice, CEO