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Dear Jordan:

It is my pleasure to formally notify you that you have been chosen by the Association of Fundraising Professionals (AFP) to receive the 2009 Changing Our World/William R. Simms Award for Outstanding Youth in Philanthropy, Ages 18-23, for your many extraordinary contributions to philanthropy, the charitable sector and our world.

AFP, which represents more than 30,000 charitable fundraisers around the world, sponsors an annual awards program to recognize outstanding achievement by a foundation, corporation, philanthropist, fundraising volunteer, fundraising professional and youth in philanthropy. More than 170 nominations from across North America were received this year for these awards, which are collectively known as the AFP Awards for Philanthropy.

You have my personal congratulations as well as those of the officers and directors of AFP. You were nominated for this honor by Janet Jobe and the AFP Tennessee, Southeast Chapter.

The award will be presented during AFP's International Conference on Fundraising in New Orleans, La., at the Awards for Philanthropy Banquet on Tuesday, March 31, 2009, from 6:30 – 9 p.m., at the Hilton New Orleans Riverside. You are welcome to stay for the night's live musical entertainment after the awards ceremony, a performance by the Neville Brothers.

You are also invited to a special reception for our honorees before the banquet at 5:00 p.m. in the Mark Twain Room of the Hilton.

We hope that you can join us for this event. AFP will be pleased to cover the costs of a night's hotel stay, as well as a complimentary table for ten people at the Awards for Philanthropy Banquet for you and your family and friends. We can also assist you with your air travel to and from the event.

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