

Dear Old Friend and New Friend:

The date is quickly approaching for the annual poetry showcase, "R U Skooled? From a Woman's Perspective Poetically 2010." There is nothing that brings more joy to my heart than to help those in need, especially our youth, many of whom have complicated but inspiring stories. Once again, I am inspired to help these youth and am reaching out to you for your support. I know there are a lot of needs in our community and it is my desire to raise money to support a local non-profit organization that is addressing the needs of the people in our community. I cannot fulfill this goal without your help, so please join with me to show our support by raising much needed funds for my non-profit of choice this year, Latchkey, Inc.

LatchKey, Inc is a non-profit 501(c) (3) community-based organization in the Greenville, SC area, which was chartered in June 1997. LatchKey, Inc. provides numerous services to local residents including, an after school center, a USDA after school snack program, teen pregnancy prevention and counseling services. In addition, a new magazine, "Girls World" will be launched in 2010 to address the needs of young adult women. Motivating young women to create social change through writing and the arts, "Girls World" will help young women to develop critical thinking, writing, communication and leadership skills necessary for academic, personal and professional success! A youth-oriented magazine written by young women for young women portraying positive images and increasing self-esteem...how empowering!

As many of you know, since 2007, I have actively been involved in using my gift of poetry to support various community initiatives including raising funds for worthwhile local organizations. Previous beneficiaries include 1) Empowerment Zone's Empowered Living Non-profit, 2) Safe Harbor, Inc. and 3) YouthBASE. To date "we" have raised over \$3,000 and each year the donations have increased! I say "we" because this was not a goal that could have been achieved without you. This was a community effort and I thank you for your generosity.

Every year I showcase some of the most powerful female voices in poetry! This year's R U Skooled? From a Woman's Perspective Poetically" Poetry event will be no exception. The event will be held on Saturday, March 13, 2010 from 7-10pm at The Channel Café located at 26 Orchard Park Drive, Greenville, SC 29607. The night will be filled with spoken word artist sharing their poetry, live music and my special guest feature Performance Poet, Glenis Redmond from Asheville, NC! Visit her website at www.glenisredmond.com.

Sincerely,

Charlene "Chiccy Baritone" Evans

Poet/Producer/Creator