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Dear Reader:

Do you have any fond school related memories? Do you recall a favorite teacher or a subject? Were you like the other kids who daydreamed all day and couldn't wait for lunch and recess, like most kids jokingly say when you ask them what they love most about school? Or, were you one of those children who struggled to get through school and who didn't have the most basic of needs met... like a lot of other children today? Would you like to ensure that all children have their most basic needs met and do not have to struggle to get through school? Let me share with you a little bit of information about the non-profit I have selected as the recipient of the upcoming, "***R U Skooled? From a Woman's Perspective Poetically 2011***".

Healthy Learners is a non-profit 501(c) (3), community-based organization in Columbia, SC. In 1992, William Pollard recognized that "children learn better when they are healthy." It is this vision that has driven "Healthy Learners" to provide services such as: vision care, dental care, hearing evaluations, assistance with prescription medications, clinical counseling and episodic care for other health concerns. Without the efforts of "Healthy Learners", many of these children would go without proper care. Think about how hard that must be. How can a student read if he can't see? How can he follow directions if he can't hear? These are the challenges, among others, that these students face every day, but thanks to "Healthy Learners" and its supporters, some children no longer have to.

I'm always excited about the many ways God chooses to use my gift of "spoken word poetry" to help with the spiritual, physical, and emotional needs of people. How, you ask? Well, words are powerful, motivating, and have a way of penetrating in the heart and mind to encourage a person to rekindle their desires and goals for a better life. With a better life, my prayer is to give back to society and contribute to someone else reaching their goals. This invaluable cycle of giving has helped adults and children with "life altering" situations assist them to return to their individual focus on becoming all that God has desired for them to be as a person, in their families and their communities. I hope you will come experience this with us this year.

"***R U Skooled? From a Woman's Perspective Poetically 2011***" will be held on Saturday ***March 12, 2011 from 7-10pm*** at The Channel Café located at 221 N Main St., Greenville, SC 29601 in the heart of downtown Greenville, right across from the Hyatt Regency Hotel. The night will be filled with spoken word artists sharing their hearts through their original works of poetry, live music, and the presentation of the donation check to ***Healthy Learners***. I would like to partner with you to raise money for Healthy Learners as they continue to impact children across South Carolina. I cannot fulfill this goal without your help, so I appreciate any of your efforts to support this cause.

For more information on the event you can visit www.chiccybaritone.com and click on the "R U Skooled?" icon.

Sincerely,

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