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Thank you for your help with **Houston Arts and Media's Neighbor to Neighbor** project. We are coordinating the preservation of hundreds of hours of oral histories from our city's longest tenured inhabitants such as yourself, as well as the collection and digitization of vintage and modern photographs and memorabilia. All of this is being done so that we may preserve the smaller, more personal histories that traditionally broad treatments miss. This is part of a citywide project to research, compile, and publish detailed histories of Houston Neighborhoods.

The histories, to be published in multiple volumes as **The Houston Neighborhoods Series**, will give current and future residents of these areas the story of how their neighborhood developed; where their predecessors shopped, ate and played; what people of note lived nearby; and what businesses inhabited current buildings and sites. The material gleaned from these interviews will also lead to books such as **Historic Houston Schools** and **Historic Houston Churches**.

Most importantly, the audio recorded interviews are being donated to the research archives at the Houston Public Library's Houston Metropolitan Research Center and to the Woodson Research Center at Rice University's Fondren Library so they will always be accessible for use by future researchers. Interviews recorded prior to yours are already available at both libraries.

Your thoughtful sharing and cooperation will help preserve and enrich the story of our wonderful city. We hope that you will take the time to visit our website and learn more about **Houston Arts and Media** and what we are doing. In addition, please spread the word about us to your friends, family and acquaintances. Our work relies on the generous support of Houstonians and Houston business.

Feel free to stay in touch. We look forward to your continued friendship with our organization.

Thanks again,
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