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Mr. Fred Radke

Dear Fred,

On behalf of the Oak Street Association I would like to say Thank You!

The work of Operation Clean Sweep is appreciated more than you know throughout New Orleans, and most especially in and around the Oak Street area of New Orleans.

The Oak Street Association is a strong believer in keeping paint vandalism off of Oak Street. It is hard to believe that so many people are still behind the curve in understanding the detrimental and harmful effects of graffiti vandalism; especially when there is so much data that directly links graffiti to crime. I am so proud that our organization understands this harmful link and works diligently to combat it. So much of the success of keeping Oak Street graffiti free and thus *crime free* is the quick response of our merchants, in partnership with Clean Sweep. For our community, the service that Clean Sweep provides is invaluable!

I hope that you will accept this small donation to support your efforts, albeit in a small way, but to know that our thanks go out to you in a *big way!*

With sincere appreciation,

Marilyn Kearney
Program Manager
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