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Dear S.E.E.D.S. Friend:

Attached is the file presenting the 10 "endowment pieces" from the **LIFEFORCE Collection**, on exhibit at Langston Hughes Community Library in Corona, NY. Proceeds from the sale(s) of these items will enable S.E.E.D.S. to sustain and expand the great empowerment work that we've been doing in Africa and here in education & literacy, economic development, and cultural enrichment since 1992. We will also -- finally-- launch our science & health initiatives.

As the owner of the LIFEFORCE collections, I have committed 85 PERCENT of the proceeds to S.E.E.D.S. for its work and operations. These ten fabulous stone sculptures come with detailed provenance information. Their replacement (min. insured) values range from \$900.00 to \$25,000.00; with a total of \$88,900.00. **The actual pricing is \$76,900.00.** After visiting the 2006 Black Fine Arts Show, which was recently held in Soho, I realized that they could easily retail for \$125,000.000 (more than 60 percent above the present pricing).

I am specifically asking for your assistance in selling the most expensive pieces. They will earn twenty percent (20%) for you or your community organization of choice, on any sale/purchase for which you are responsible. Personal showings are recommended. I believe that many people with the discretionary money to purchase the works of art, will love the piece(s) and recognize their value.

Also note that the "buyer" is able to opt to have 85% of her/his expenditure made as contribution to a 501C-3 tax exempt organization. Please contact me to answer any questions you have concerning the art and the opportunity to purchase it.

Sincerely,

Akinlabi (E. Anthony) Mackall

*Service * Education * Economic Development * Science*
ACommunity is local and global.@

“LIFEFORCE IV: SPIRIT WITHIN STONE”

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...EXQUISITE WORKS OF ART AND CRAFT ITEMS FOR FAIR EXCHANGE

Pregnancy... Spirit Within (Spirit of Motherhood)

Artist: Edgar Sahondo



Stone Type: Springstone Serpentine

Approx. Dimensions:

Height: 2' 6" / Width: 1' / Weight: Approx. 80 lbs.

M.S.R. Price: \$3,750.00 (M.S.I.V. \$4,000)*

*Edgar Sahondo's **Pregnancy...Spirit Within** is a signature work of art, epitomizing the **Lifeforce Collections**. Utilizing his traditionalist “Creation” style, Sahondo sculpts an image of ‘woman as mother’, full with the new life and spirit of her unborn child. He has combined the beauty and blackness of **springstone serpentine** with a simplicity of line and magical contrasts in texture (smooth and rough surfaces) to produce an appealing, sophisticated work of art. He clearly succeeds on a literal level—yet there is more. “Pregnancy” is also a thought provoking work. Ironically, it evokes, in many observers, the impression of a mother cradling her born baby. This broader interpretation reflects the sculpture’s warmth and universality. It may also explain its popular second name: “**Spirit of Motherhood**”.*

An even greater irony is revealed through a potentially disastrous event in the history of this sculpture. In November 2002, “Pregnancy” was dropped from a 4-foot height during a move from an exhibit installation. Amazingly, instead of breaking into pieces, it remained intact. Why didn’t this 2^{1/2}- foot high, 80-pound, sculpture break? What saved it? Perhaps, as the Shona might suggest: It was the “spirit” within.

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Her Essence Magnified

Artist: Emmanuel Chikumbirike



“...POSSESSES AN ELEGANT BEAUTY WHICH SPEAKS FOR ITSELF.”



Stone Type: Springstone Serpentine
Approx. Height: 2' 5" / Width: 1' 9"
Weight: Approx. 320 lbs.
M.S.R. Price: \$12,500.00 (M.S.I.V. \$14,500)*

Photos: Sekou Molefi Baako

Spirit Medium

Artist: Emmanuel Chikumbirike



Stone Type: Springstone Serpentine
Approx. Dimensions and Weight:
Height: 3' / Width: 2' 3" / Weight: Approx. 450 lbs.
M.S.R. Price: \$14,000.00 (M.S.I.V. \$15,000)*

SPIRIT MEDIUM

*The larger-than-life “realism” of Emmanuel Chikumbirike’s **springstone** bust, **Spirit Medium** is truly captivating. In sculpting this massive head and upper bust, he has depicted a certain tribal “spirit man” with the accuracy of a skilled photographer. The facial features, hair and headdress have all been expertly carved. However, it is through the subtleties of facial expression and carriage of the head, that this work is transformed into art. Through this “stone Medium” we gain insight into the actual person. I suspect that most observers will intuit that the actual Spirit Medium is a man of depth, with a profound sense of purpose. One senses that he is deserving of the esteem in which he is held-- by his people as well as by the artist.*

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Stone Poetry

Artist: Washington Musonza



“...INSPIRES POETIC LICENSE.”

Stone Type: Opalstone Serpentine
 Approx. Dimensions:
 Height: 3' 8" / Width: 2' 5"
 Weight: Approx. 350 lbs.
 M.S.R. Price: \$13,000.00 (M.S.I.V. \$15,000)*

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The Musicians

Artist: Godfrey Chimhanzi



“VIRTUOSITY.”

Stone Type: Springstone Serpentine
Height: 2'8" / Width: 13" / Weight: Approx. 75 lbs. /
M.S.R. Price: \$5,200.00 (M.S.I.V. \$7,500)*

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Great Rhino

Artist: John Nyakusengwa



Stone Type: Semi Precious Green-gold Verdite
Approx. Dimensions:
Length: 4' 5" / Width: 1' 10"
Weight: Approx. 550 lbs.
M.S.R. Price: \$20,000.00 (M.S.I.V. \$25,000)*

“WHERE DOES ONE PLACE AN EXQUISITE 550-POUND VERDITE RHINO? ANYWHERE!”

“...THE ULTIMATE CONVERSATION PIECE”

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Chief's Emissary

By
Darios Chikumbirike



“PERFECTION”

Stone Type: Earthtone Srepentine
Approx. Height: 1'
M.S.R. Price: \$1,200 (M.S.I.V. \$1,500)*

Photos: Sekou Molefi Baako

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IN DEEP THOUGHT

**By
P. Gwisa**



Photo: Sekou Molefi Baako

Stone Type: Springstone Serpentine
Approx. Height: 2' 6" Width: 1'
M.S.R. Price: \$800 (M.S.I.V. \$900)*

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Beauty ‘n Braids III

Artist: John Nyakusengwa



Stone: Spotted Green Opalstone
Approx. Height: 1' 4"
Approx. Width: 7"
Approx. Weight: 30 lbs.
M.S.R. Price: \$1,750 (M.S.I.V. \$2,000)*

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Face of Beauty, Soul of Integrity

By
Sangster Nyakusengwa



Stone Type: Brown Serpentine
Approx. Height: 1' 6"
Approx. Weight: 35 lbs.
S.R. Price: \$3,500.00 (M.S.I.V. \$4,000)*

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