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Dr. Ky Dele, M.A, M.S. ED
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Dee Walker
The Made man Foundation

Dear Ky and Dee,

I wanted to take a moment and send a note of gratitude and a warm thank you for bringing the Made man recognition and organization to the Queen City. I was incredibly humbled to be recognized with over two dozen of my peers on November 29, 2018 here in Charlotte, North Carolina.

The recognition itself was a great success and being in the company of my fellow Made Men was inspiring. I am still hearing about it to date and had a chance to meet new people who I did not know and several of the Men I did not know as well. The networking possibilities are endless. Admittedly, when I first received my congratulatory correspondence regarding my nomination and acceptance, I was not familiar with the Made Man organization or the incredibly impact you are having across the US and now entering Worldwide. As a Global organization serving millions nationwide and in 120 countries most especially 22 African Countries, I see great possibilities to partner and leverage each other.

The impact and the outputs you are having is incredible! I loved the focus on serving **600+ males honored and highlighted , 5,000+ event attendees , 100+ suits & clothing collected , 10,000+ youth and adult males mentored and over 6,000 college applications sponsored, there is nothing but opportunity ahead.**

As we re-launch the My Brothers Keeper strategy and focus here in Charlotte in 2019, I know we can find a way to also make it even more meaningful to our boys of color locally. The YMCA is the quarterback for MBKCLT.

Lastly, I was absolutely inspired by the access and the opportunities you afforded us to engage in the community through this process. I am a firm believer that access + opportunity will help our boys of color exceed their own expectations. This kind of effort can help change the narrative around Black men and can promote the #BlackGivesBack Movement.

You both are to be commended for your hard work, dedication and love of community.

Kindest of Regards,

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