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Mr. Gene Johnston
Johnston Products of Dallas, Inc.
604 Jealousie Way
Cedar Hill, Texas 75014

Dear Gene,

We are thrilled with the finished installation of the Willow Tree, our very first permanent installation in Texas, and a timeless, iconic public artwork for the city of Grand Prairie.

This project could not have been realized without the specialty skills of the Johnston Products team, and your passionate commitment, patience and generosity helping bring our artistic vision to reality.

We recognize that fabricating the tree meant that you were up against constant challenges from technical surprises to on-site installation at the height mid-summer Texas heat. The team's craftsmanship and attention to detail; their unfailing pride of work and your unconditional support from start to finish made this a true collaboration.

We are indebted to your commitment to take on this project knowing it was a race against time, even as it required many technical unknowns both in fabrication and the on-site challenges...to say nothing of the funding limitations!

Thank you Gene, and please extend our heartfelt gratitude to the team.

With warm appreciation,



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