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Matt D'Arrigo and Inocente at the Oscars, 2013. Photo courtesy of Matt D'Arrigo

:: Inocente's gripping journey from homeless teenager to full-fledged artist was beautifully captured in **this film** which won the 2013 Academy Award for Best Documentary Short. But the story doesn't end there. After

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years of drifting from shelter to shelter, Inocente, now 19, not only has a permanent place to call home, she has serious interest in her artwork, and most impressively, a vocation to advocate for other disenfranchised teens and general access to arts education. Art not only saved her life; art transformed it.

Special thanks to Matt D'Arrigo and Rob Tobin of **A Reason to Survive** [A.R.T.S] for their generosity and their help. A.R.T.S is the nonprofit that was instrumental in helping Inocente get back on her feet.

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