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Dear Diann,

I am overjoyed and humbled to receive the 2009 CLW Award, an achievement that has brought my pride to my family and colleagues. Winning the Award has given me an opportunity to step back and look at what I have achieved in the last year, reflect on the journey travelled and contemplate how I can ensure the sustainability of this project and its vision across not only the Australian Federation of Medical Women but other not for profit volunteer organisations. The "Bridging Leadership Barriers" project continues to be a labour of love for me. Receiving the CLW Award has renewed my enthusiasm and allows me to aspire to even greater heights.

I feel honoured to be among the other recipients, and congratulate them on their achievements and vision. I hope that every woman listed feels very proud of what she has achieved.

I wish to thank my mentors from the Victorian Medical Women's Society and the Australian Federation of Medical Women. Without their support I would not have contemplated undertaking an endeavour 1/10<sup>th</sup> the size of this, let alone have been able to achieve my vision and beyond.

I wish to thank Diann Rodgers-Healey for creating both the Centre for Leadership for Women and this Award, the judges for generously donating their time and the sponsors for their support. There are so many womens' achievements that pass by without due celebration and recognition. The CLW Award offers women a wonderful opportunity to celebrate their achievements and believe in their inherent leadership capabilities and skills.

Yours sincerely,



Dr Jillian Tomlinson  
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