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Dear Sponsor of the CNF TD Insurance Indigenous Award and Indspire:

I am so proud to be the recipient of such a generous scholarship! The award and funds from the Canadian Nurses Foundation and matching funds from the Government of Canada has made a direct and lasting impact in the health care of Canadians.

I began my Post RN Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BScN) program in 2017 and I am so proud to say I am in the last year of my distance education studies. Saint Francis Xavier University (STFX) delivers an outstanding program for learners who want to prepare professionally for the complex health needs in current nursing practice. Completing this program from home while continuing to work full-time has meant great discipline and sacrifice. It is with the tremendous financial support of scholarships like these that registered nurses get to stay home with their families and still pursue their passion to gain knowledge, and competencies in the best nursing care. My future goal is to continue to learn, and I would like to study family practice nursing. I am really interested in providing primary health care to patients that is accessible, high quality and cost effective.

I am an Indigenous registered nurse. I have practiced rural and remote nursing in my home province of Newfoundland and Labrador for over 26 years. Labrador is a beautiful place to live and work. Indigenous voices are being heard and I am proud to share my knowledge in part due to the continued support from organizations like CNF and Indspire.

Please share my heartfelt thanks to all those that played a part in contributing to such scholarships, believing in our dreams and assisting with making our goals an actual achievement.

Sincerely;

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