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Dr. Robert Fletcher
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Dear Dr. Fletcher,

The beautiful Earl Loschen award arrived yesterday by UPS. Thank you so very much to all those at NADD who felt me worthy of this award. I believe it will help further the work I have done to have psychiatric care available to people with an intellectual disability. It has been a long uphill battle to develop the clinic that I established called Arnika Centre. (Arnika is a tough wild flower that is hard to stomp out. The clinic was named this because I did not want to label people with a diagnosis of any sort.) This clinic has now become part of the publically funded health care system and will be considered a core service. This is a great advantage to the people we serve. The recognition by this award gives further acknowledgement to the public funding sources, that such a clinic is important and necessary. It also provides recognition for teaching resident physicians about this particular area of complex health care. In my position at the University Of Calgary Department Of Psychiatry as Clinical Associate Professor, I continue to advocate for the education of psychiatry residents and family practice residents. It is important to recognize that the Award has far reaching effects that further the help offered to people with intellectual disability and mental health concerns. In Canada there is connection with other similar clinics especially in Vancouver and Toronto. These clinics have been exceptionally helpful in sharing ideas to develop the clinic.

My sincere appreciation,


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