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Dear Mary and Gail:

In recognition of your commitment to professional development strategies and strengthening collaboration in nursing, it is my pleasure to select you as this year's recipients of the RPNAO President's Award, which honours an individual, group or organization that has demonstrated outstanding commitment to advancing excellence in Canada's health care system.

My colleagues on the RPNAO Board of Directors and I believe that all health care providers, including Registered Practical Nurses, benefit greatly from the exemplary leadership that you demonstrate in your ongoing efforts to promote career development, coaching and mentorship, all aimed at helping health care professionals develop rewarding careers. Over the years you have modeled the principles in the **donnerwheeler** Career Planning and Development Model with your professional support and guidance. Your model describes the importance of networking with people who share your values and interests and with your ongoing support and recognition of the value RPNs offer to healthcare, you have helped us expand our network in the broader nursing and health care community.

We invite you to accept the President's Award in person if possible. The award will be presented at our 60th Anniversary Dinner Reception and Awards Gala for nurses and friends of nursing, which will take place at the Deerhurst Resort in Muskoka at 6:30 p.m. on October 25, 2018. I will host this event with our Board of Directors. Approximately 300-350 invited guests, including direct practice



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nurses and other caregivers, government representatives, colleagues from other professional associations, and representatives from various provincial organizations are expected to attend this event

On behalf of our Board of Directors and Ontario's 50,000 Registered Practical Nurses, I want to thank you for always valuing every member of the health care team and being true nursing leaders who are always looking at new innovative ways to expand career pathways, promote career and leadership development, and optimize RPN roles. I hope you will be able to attend our dinner reception and awards gala in person

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

With my regards,

Maxwell Hamlyn, RPN, ORT, UT
President