



The
Climate Change Leadership Institute

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Dear Maia,

We are delighted to present you with the Direct Action Award for your leadership in spearheading a school wide composting project in conjunction with Reunity Resources. The project itself is exemplary, demonstrating teamwork, organization, integrity and determination — all skills that will serve you well in your endeavors whether it be in climate activism, animal welfare or life in general.

What is also impressive in tandem with your wonderful service project is your excellent attitude and underlying philosophy that goes with it. You have said in so many words that we don't have to be paralyzed in disillusionment about the climate crisis, nor do we have to take on the challenge of solving it alone; rather we can take small steps of action personally, and then gain traction by working together in community; it is through collaboration that we generate a bigger impact and hopefully spawn a chain reaction that grows into fruition.

The Climate Change Leadership Institute is a community focused non profit organization in New Mexico. We spearhead direct action campaigns and honor stellar displays of teamwork (visit our website www.takeresponsibility.us for more information). Each year we give out seed grant leadership awards for different categories including justice, courage, innovation, education, conservation and direct action — all ingredients we must ramp up and solidify in order to prevail in the climate crisis. The direct action award honors those who have put into deeds their deeply held feelings and beliefs, protesting a harmful status quo by putting a brighter alternative forward, as was demonstrated in the civil rights movement.

Your community service project on composting shows an uplifting path forward that is not wasteful but replenishing, not polluting but reducing of methane emissions and not harmful but contributing to soil health and the overall health of our society. Thank you for your leadership past, present and future.

With gratitude,

Robb Hirsch
Founder and Executive Director