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Diane Karp
Executive Director
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Dear Dr. Karp:

The Climate Change Leadership Institute (CCLI) is a New Mexico based non-profit organization dedicated to education and action in our civil society for the advancement of climate stewardship and the clean energy revolution. We have many functions which you may learn more about at our website www.takeresponsibility.us and one of our roles involving a project called the *Conservation Quest* is to encourage the conservation of energy and water at once. In doing this we give out an annual medal and financial prize to an individual and/or an organization in New Mexico that make a meaningful difference in integrating solutions to our water, energy and climate crisis.

This year CCLI is awarding its Conservation Quest Champions Prize to the Santa Fe Art Institute (SFAI) in honor of your organization's demonstrated leadership and excellent implementation of the Flash Flood Project (as illustrated at www.sfai.org). Not only did SFAI mobilize and engage an impressive number of local civil society participants in the project, SFAI educated and activated the public in an on-going movement to take care of our Santa Fe River and take care of the earth's climate at once. Integrating solutions to energy, climate and water challenges is vital for our collective sustainability and survival and the Santa Fe Art Institute is to be commended for outstanding leadership in this noble pursuit. CCLI also appreciates the way SFAI involved so many young people in this terrific project and incorporated the medium and application of art into sustainability solutions – as we believe, as well, in the importance of encouraging creative leadership with young people in our society.

We congratulate the host of SFAI staff and volunteers involved in the Flash Flood project, and we ask if you do not mind, responding to this Conservation Quest Champions Medal and Financial Prize, for a response letter on your organization's letterhead so we may post it on our website.

Keep up the fine work and let us know how CCLI may help in any future conservation and/or climate collaborations of yours for the sake of preserving a bright future for all.

Sincerely yours,

Robb Hirsch
Executive Director