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Ladies and Gentleman of the Tiger Fund:

My name is Karen Glennis Larkins.

I am a kidney transplant recipient of two and one-half years.

I am delighted and surprised to know that I have been selected as a recipient of the Tiger Fund Scholarship, which was established in the memory of Justina Gilbert.

I am humbled by the honor; I had not expected such an award to be given me, particularly since I am not a liver transplant donor or recipient.

I found out about the award quite by accident. The university, at which I am enrolled, sent a letter to me stating that I received a scholarship from TRIO, Inc.

I know that I applied for a TRIO scholarship last year, but I was informed that I was not among the individuals selected for the scholarships delineated for 2003-2004. Although I was disappointed, I know that many individuals are more deserving than I, and I rejoiced in knowing that somewhere, a transplanted youth would be able to continue his/her education through the generosity of the TRIO organization.

Once I contacted the school, I discovered that a TRIO scholarship had been applied to my account. I made a copy of the award letter, and it is thus that I find out about the Tiger Fund Scholarship, and its mission and purpose.

I am extremely grateful and appreciative of the consideration of the scholarship committee. I know that I cannot do or say enough to express my thanks.

As a small token of my gratitude, please allow me to serve the Tiger Fund in any capacity. I am donating \$20.00 towards the purchase of a stuffed tiger for any child who has received a transplant. I would like to do much more than that, however.

I am available and willing to become a part of the Tiger Fund, and to promote its message of courage and hope to the youth of today and the future of tomorrow.

With sincerest gratitude,
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