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Girls Researching Our World

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Dear Dr. Hua,
We want to express our most sincere thanks for all of the time and effort you devoted to helping us with the GROW Summer Workshop on June 18-20, 2007. There were 98 girls who participated in this workshop, drawn by their interests in science and engineering. These girls were from cities across the state of Kansas, Missouri, California and India!

The activity that you facilitated for the girls to learn about nanotechnology & Alzheimer's disease was a vital part of the workshop. Each activity provided an opportunity for these girls to learn about the many aspects of the work of scientists and engineers. They were able to obtain hands-on experience with gathering data in the field, performing experiments and testing samples in the lab, learning data analysis techniques, and using the computer to help analyze and present the results. Our hope is that these experiences and others we provide during the school year will encourage them to continue to pursue their interest in math and science at the high school level and beyond.

We believe that an equally important aspect of the workshop was the interaction of the girls with both women and men students and faculty members. The girls saw men who were interested in helping them learn as well as women in roles that they might aspire to fill. Images of successful women in science and engineering can be very helpful as the girls consider their career options. We asked the girls to complete a survey about the workshop, and if you are interested, we will be glad to share the results.

We know that you invested much thought and energy into the careful preparation of your activity, and your enthusiasm for this project was critical to its success. We simply could not have had the workshop without your participation, and we want you to know how extremely grateful we are for your contribution.

We hope that you enjoyed your time helping the girls learn, and that you will consider participating again next year.

Sincerely,

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