



**Connie Clerici, President & CEO
of Closing the Gap HEALTHCARE GROUP,
has been honoured with the
2010 Federated Press Woman Leader of the
Year Award.**

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Connie Clerici, the President & CEO of Closing the Gap Healthcare Group was honoured on June 16, 2010 with the 2010 Federated Press Woman Leader of the Year Award. The ceremony was held in Toronto at the Women's leadership Summit. Connie stated "I'm proud to accept such a prestigious award in honour of all the women leaders in the home health care sector and more specifically Closing the Gap Healthcare Group."

The Federated Press 6th Annual Women and Leadership Summit awarded Connie Clerici with its highest honour – 2010 Woman Leader of the Year Award. The Award salutes the best in women: it is meant to recognize excellence and leadership shown by a Canadian woman. "The course of Connie's career has been an inspiration to all women," says Lise Ponton, Conference Director at Federated Press.

A recipient of multiple awards, including PROFIT Magazine's Canada's Top 100 Women Entrepreneurs, the Women's Executive Network's Canada's Most Powerful Women: Top 100, and a Royal Bank of Canada Canadian Woman Entrepreneur of the Year award, Italian Chamber of Commerce Business Excellence award are a few of her most recent celebrations. Connie enjoys and excels at building relationships with local communities, healthcare providers across the continuum of care and representatives of both the Ontario and Federal governments. She embraces change and relies on innovation, originality and flexibility to overcome challenges, creating and inspiring continual positive changes in healthcare provision and in the advancement of women within Canada's business community.

As a Registered Nurse, Connie ensures that ethics and compassion accompany sound business practices. Her passion is to help those most in need in society and to be accountable for doing so. She and her team contribute significant time, services, resources and money to a wide variety of local and international charitable organizations and causes. Connie also volunteers, sits on numerous boards, committees and councils and acts as a mentor for junior entrepreneurs.

Connie credits her many supporters – her staff, her customers, her advisors and her beloved family – for her ongoing success in achieving her vision.

About Closing the Gap Healthcare Group

Closing the Gap Healthcare Group is an award-winning Canadian business that provides community-based rehabilitation therapy, nursing, and personal support services of an exceptionally high quality. Over 500 staff members provide services in homes, schools, long-term care homes, hospitals and clinics.

Closing the Gap Healthcare Group's activities are governed by its Quality Charter. Our charter is a statement of principles that guide us in providing healthcare services of an exceptionally high quality, and in meeting or exceeding the expectations of our clients, our customers, our staff members and our organization. Additional information about our quality charter, business, leadership team, staff, and Advisory Board members can be found on our website, at www.closingthegap.ca.

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