

*"I think women leaders see things in a more interconnected way than men. Many women in leadership positions are able to see, for example, the relationship between higher education and pre-natal care, between a solid grade-school education and economic development, between good health and education, and all those sorts of things, in a way that is unique."*

#### On Commitment

*"When you have a battle with death and win--as I did in a serious automobile accident several years ago--when you have actually felt it, touched it, know what it feels like, you can't come out of that without a more spiritual feeling or the sense of being a changed person. It gave me a lot more confidence. You think, 'After this, how can I be afraid of anything?'"*

#### On What It Takes to Be Successful

*"Many people have told me they will vote for me even though they disagree with me on several major issues because I give them a sense of hope that things will be better in the future. So, I think what I give to people is a sense of hope, because I firmly, absolutely believe we will have a better future."*

—Wilma Mankiller  
Principal Chief  
The Cherokee Nation

Wilma Mankiller - Chief of the 137,000 member Cherokee Nation.

In addition, we need three or four black and white photographs of you for our book. Please write down on the back of each photograph what you are doing and the names (if any) of other individuals in the photograph. Due to time constraints, we would appreciate receiving these as soon as possible.

Thank you for your time and attention. May we hear from you by August 3 at the latest?

Sincerely,  
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Tanya Ross