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Dear Dr. Keiser,

When I graduated from Florida International University in 2001 with my bachelor's degree in Occupational Therapy, I remember telling my mentor "because of you, I persevered and didn't give up". I had that inspiration to guide me and help pave my way towards a prominent career and now I feel it is my duty to give back and inspire others who are pursuing their endeavors in occupational therapy. The partnership my clinic has with Keiser University is one I cherish. The students who have been assigned to my clinic has not only affected my therapist and I in a positive way but have also left a lasting impression on the patients, their patients. With a much faster than average job outlook in a competitive career, it's the real hands on experience the students get that will help them stand out and be the best in their class. It's those encouraging words my therapist and I give them and the positive comments the patients express that gives them that extra inspiration in guiding them throughout their lives. Our community of professionals is expanding with students who attend institutions like Keiser University, who teaches them all the fundamental aspects in their new careers. Partnerships within the community clinics like mines allows them to gain experience and grow a vaster knowledge when applying their curriculum knowledge. In my opinion, the difference between a therapist and a great therapist comes from the relationships they make with their patients and are able to help them achieve their overall goal all while helping their fellow community patients.

Regards,

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