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To Whom It May Concern:

Alzheimer's Community Care (Organization) has been serving Palm Beach, Martin, and St. Lucie Counties since its inception in 1996. The majority of our personnel are licensed nurses, and the quality of Keiser University's (University) nursing program shows educational standards that are exemplary and fully meet our expectations.

The Organization's Vice President of Education and Quality Assurance serves on the University's Advisory Board for the Nursing program. Because of this relationship, the Organization has come to value our mutual goals that bring the community together to meet its unique needs. This Organization's unique focus is on specialized needs of families coping with neurocognitive disorders. To that end, our educator provides classroom instruction for undergraduate students on the disease's progression. Undergraduate nursing students participate in clinical rotations within the Organization's Specialized Alzheimer's Adult Day Licensed Centers, learning how these most vulnerable adults can be cared for in the community, living with their families throughout the course of the disease. This is very forward thinking on behalf of the University.

The Organization's affiliation with the University provides rising health professionals with in-depth knowledge and clinical experiences in addressing the needs of our families. This is critically important, as currently Florida has the most Medicare beneficiaries and the second-highest number of dementia cases in the United States. As stated by James Galvin, Associate Dean, Clinical Research, Charles E. Schmidt College of Medicine, FAU in Boca Raton, this figure is projected to exceed 1 million by the year 2030.

Keiser University has demonstrated its commitment to preparing its future health professionals in a robust and responsive manner, and our Organization is proud to collaborate with its administration, professors, instructors and students for addressing this 'silver tsunami' that exists today.

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