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To Whom It May Concern:

Keiser University is important to our community for various reasons. For many years Catholic Health Services has been clinically affiliated with Keiser University. Our various campuses in Miami-Dade and Broward have served as externship sites for physical and occupational students. We have had Keiser students complete their clinical rotations in our skilled nursing facilities, outpatient facilities, and inpatient rehabilitation facilities.

In addition, we have been able to hire many graduates of the various programs and locations to join our rehabilitation team as full-time employees or per diem employees. Keiser graduates are well prepared academically and professionally and excel in their clinical rotations.

We have been able to maintain a great partnership throughout the years. The directors of clinical education often visit our campuses even when we do not have any of their students. Additionally, former employees that have transitioned to academia are now employed by Keiser University and this has helped to further maintain and strengthen the relationship.

It is without any doubt that we will continue to provide support to Keiser University as an externship site and by hiring their graduates. Our professions need educational foundations like Keiser University in order to continue providing excellent healthcare to the communities we serve.

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