

RE: Keiser University Advisory Board Letter

March 2, 2022

To Whom It May Concern,

I am a member of the Keiser University Advisory Board because of our relationship with the Departments of Psychology and Nursing. Keiser University is important to our organization and community as they educate and train caring and socially aware medical professionals.

We appreciate that Keiser University values the involvement of their educators at the community level. This allows us to bring the expertise to our staff and our patients.

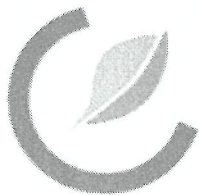
2022 is the 25th anniversary of Sarasota Medical Pregnancy Center. We are a local, faith based, non profit agency that provides medical, educational, and material support to pregnant and parenting women and their families.

The majority of the population we care for is vulnerable and underserved. 55% of the women who deliver at Sarasota Memorial Hospital are at or below poverty level and SMPC provided services to almost 1500 of those women in 2021. By providing our center with Dr. Mary Ann Stockstill's expertise, Keiser is supporting our staff by having a valuable resource available in real time, as well as providing support to the women we serve.

Dr. Stockstill offered to provide individual and group support and education to our new Moms when I met her at the first Sarasota County Opioid Summit held at Keiser 4 years ago. She asked me to serve on the advisory board at that time, as she has a passion for community service and exposing her students to the reality of what goes on outside of academia. I was introduced to the College of Nursing as the faculty wanted to provide their students with a community clinical experience. The isolation of COVID put that on hold but I'm looking forward to renewing that connection soon.

I am appreciative of the passion that Keiser's faculty has for providing a quality education to their students, and their desire to support the people of our community and those of us who serve them.

Best regards,



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