

I am pleased to express Kessler Foundation's sincere gratitude for our partnership with RWJBarnabas Health. Founded in 1985, Kessler Foundation is a nonprofit organization based in New Jersey and a global leader in rehabilitation research dedicated to changing the lives of people with disabilities. Through innovative research that provides real-world solutions, we create new opportunities to restore function, foster independence, and improve quality of life.

Our mission closely aligns with RWJBarnabas Health's commitment to building stronger, healthier communities. Through our research on spinal cord injury, traumatic brain injury, multiple sclerosis, stroke, and autism, we aim to develop innovative treatments and interventions that restore function, improve mobility, enhance cognitive recovery, and boost quality of life. These efforts not only change individual lives but also strengthen families and communities by reducing long-term care needs and promoting independence.

RWJBarnabas Health's support has helped accelerate this research and translate discoveries into real-world solutions. Our partnership aims to ensure that people with SCI, TBI, MS, stroke, and autism can access advanced rehabilitation strategies that improve outcomes and enhance quality of life.

If RWJBarnabas Health's support is not renewed next year, the impact could be significant. We would need to reduce research efforts that improve rehabilitation science, limit the sharing of evidence-based practices, and cut programs that rely on RWJBarnabas Health's partnership and resources. Losing this collaboration would create real gaps for individuals and families who depend on these innovations to regain independence and reintegrate into their communities.

We sincerely appreciate RWJBarnabas Health's dedication and look forward to continuing our shared mission of improving lives and strengthening communities across New Jersey.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Michele Pignatello".

Michele Pignatello

Vice President, Development and Communications and Chief Development Officer