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Dear Mr. Martell,

I write to express our deep gratitude for the wonderful support we have received as recipients of grants for your Foundation. If it were not for your support, we would not have been able to achieve what we have done.

Examples of some of the psychiatrists and psychologists who have been helped in their research include:

- Dr. Tim Ahles, PhD is measuring DNA damage from breast cancer chemotherapy as a marker of potential cognitive changes in brain function for patients with certain vulnerability genes.
- Dr. Richard Brown, PhD has identified key communication strategies used to enroll patients in experimental drug studies.
- Dr. William Breitbart, MD established a program of meaning-centered and dignity-conserving therapies that help resolve demoralization and despair as patients approach their dying.
- Dr. Jamie Ostroff, PhD, whose studies on tobacco control and smoking cessation have reached out to dentists to create teachable moments. Dr. Ostroff has also established the smoking cessation clinic at Memorial Hospital.
- Dr. Bruce Rapkin, PhD has taken health promotion and cancer prevention programs into the libraries of Queens and established an NCI-funded collaborative center between City College and MSKCC to develop research capacity among investigators from minority ethnic communities.
- Dr. Karen Hurley, PhD studied a brief desensitization therapy (BDT) intervention to alleviate intrusive thoughts about cancer risk in women undergoing genetic counseling and testing for BRCA1/2 mutations.
- Dr. Jennifer Ford, PhD used a Computer-Assisted Survivor Screening (CASS) test to assess psychosocial functioning of adult survivors of childhood cancer.
- Dr. Jeanne Carter, PhD studied the psychosexual and quality of life concerns in women undergoing a new surgery called trachelectomy as a fertility-preserving treatment for early-stage cervical cancer.

Yours Sincerely,

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