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Mr. Omar Itum
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Dear Omar,

It is my pleasure to provide you with this update on our Center for Trauma and Addiction at Weill Cornell Medicine, directed by Dr. Ann Beeder, the *Jeanette and Jeffrey Lasdon Associate Professor of Clinical Public Health and Psychiatry*.

The gift of \$75,000 received from the Alliance for Veteran Support in November 2014 has provided for the following:

Four U.S. Military veteran families were provided with extensive treatment for issues resulting from their exposure to the trauma of battle and horror of modern warfare.

- Case 1: in one case, a client received intensive treatment with multiple modalities (5 times per week), and he has thrived, from being very symptomatic to becoming very happy; he got a new job, is dating for the first time in a long time and is doing well in all domains.
- Case 2: For another family, the veteran and his wife have benefitted greatly from the program, where the veteran has graduated from an Ivy league undergrad program and is moving on to pursue medical school and he and his wife survived a challenge to their relationship and have moved on to a new place and their new life.
- Case 3: Yet another family have benefitted from the program, with similar reduction in symptoms resulting in new employment for the veteran, and improved family communications and commitment in their relationship.
- Case 4: Finally a fourth family benefitted – the girlfriend received individual treatment, the veteran received a number of modalities as well, and they have both gone on to finish grad school, become employed and have moved in together.

In summary, a much more positive outcome in these four families was achieved because of the generous support received from AVS. You will see in the attached budget for 2015 that support AVS



provided helped us supplement our overall work in the treatment of trauma and addictions experienced by U.S. military veterans and their families.

We are very encouraged to hear that you are considering making a new gift of support. The timing is critical, as government funding has been decreasing, and now, more than ever, we are relying on our philanthropic partners to provide these crucial programs to our Veterans.

Please note that a gift commitment of \$100,000 or more will entitle the Alliance for Veteran Support to significant donor recognition at Weill Cornell Medicine. Tom Nichols from the Office of External Affairs can provide further information if you'd like. Tom can be reached at 646-962-9524 or thn2004@med.cornell.edu.

Omar, we are so grateful to you for this support and look forward to an ongoing healing and productive relationship with you and the Alliance for Veteran Support.

Best wishes from Dr. Beeder and I for you to have a continued healthy and happy summer.

Sincerely,



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Enclosure

