

Dear friend,

Over the past 26 years, I've shared my late husband's story and honored his legacy through the Schwartz Center for Compassionate Healthcare. The Schwartz Center has never been more relevant or critical as during the height of COVID-19. As we cautiously emerge into a new reality, I'm appreciative of the **light being shed on the needs of caregivers so that they can provide the best care for patients and families.**

My sister Margie dutifully served as the director of programs at the Schwartz Center for 18 years. Upon her retirement, the staff and I created a financial aid fund to affirm our shared commitment to ensuring equity and inclusion: the Marjorie Stanzler Financial Aid Fund.

The Stanzler Fund provides free access to Schwartz Center programs and training to organizations in need. These sites include Veterans Affairs hospitals, safety net community hospitals, and Indian Health Services sites, such as Gallup Indian Medical Center.

The Gallup Indian Medical Center of New Mexico is one of the largest service units of the Navajo Tribe. More than 48,000 people trust Gallup Indian Medical Center for their care annually.

“Actively tending to our well-being as healthcare workers has never been more important,” said a physician at Gallup. “We can no longer be passive witnesses to the trauma we see, but rather we need to make time to care for ourselves so that we can continue to care for others.”

This spring, we've launched a challenge to raise \$100,000 for the Stanzler Fund to expand its reach to more qualifying organizations who deserve our critical resources. As a trusted community member and supporter of our work, **I urge you to consider donating to support our most vulnerable caregivers.**

Please consider sending a gift by June 10 using the enclosed reply form or donate directly on our website at **giving.theschwartzcenter.org**. If you have any questions, please contact Michele Babineau at mbabineau@theschwartzcenter.org or 617-643-6775.

With sincere thanks,



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