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Success through Commitment and Collaboration

I trust this message finds you all well and in good health and high spirits. As I reflect on the past year, I am deeply honored and humbled to convey my sincere thanks for your exceptional support, dedication, and steadfast commitment to our Society. The contributions each of you make to our organization are fundamental to our collective achievements.

Personally, completing my fourteenth year as your Executive Director marks a significant and transformative milestone. Since the outset, this community has embraced me with warmth and generosity, for which I am truly thankful. Your trust in my leadership has been instrumental in driving our successes over the past decade.

I would like to share with you some updates on our Society:

PHTS Celebrates 30 Years!

We had such a spectacular turnout at our 30th Anniversary Gala in Denver, Colorado in April 2023. I don't think we could have had any better of a time celebrating with you all! I want to thank our Host Sponsor, Childrens Hospital Colorado for helping organize the event. I also want to thank all of our supporting sponsors: Children's National, Columbia NY Presbyterian-Morgan Stanley Children's Hospital, LeBonheur Children's Hospital, Norton Children's Hospital, Phoenix Children's Hospital, Boston Children's Hospital and Washington University-St. Louis Children's Hospital, Children's Minnesota, Children's Healthcare of Atlanta, Enduring Hearts, and CareDx. Additional thanks to our VIP Sponsors: Drs. Micheal Kuhn, Daphne Hsu, Jay Fricker, Michael Carboni and Jeffrey Gossett. Special thanks to Ms. DeAnna Archer for organizing the event with our host sponsor and the Denver Art Museum. Thank you all for an amazing evening!

Membership Growth:

I am delighted to share that our membership remains robust, with over 600 institutional and affiliate members. We have several new hospitals in the process of joining and I would like to welcome the newest member, **Cohen Children's Hospital in Queens, NY!**

Mix and Mingle:

It was great seeing many of you in Prague last month and I want to thank our partners at Enduring Hearts for helping us host the Mix and Mingle, of which we had over 100 attendees. Special thanks to Ms. DeAnna Archer for organizing the evenings' festivities. We could not have done it without her!

PHTS to Expand Footprint:

During our time in Prague, we had a lot of interest from the international community, and we are now in the early stages of planning to expand our footprint in Europe. This will involve setting up a GDPR compliant database server in Europe where all of the PHTS data for the registry will be collected and stored from our international participants in Europe and Oceania. Our long-term goal will be to expand our footprint beyond the European and Oceania regions.

Fall Conference:

We are in the early planning stages of our Fall Conference in Chicago, Illinois on Sunday, November 17, 2024. Ann and Robert Lurie Hospital has agreed to serve as our Host Sponsor for the event, but we still have availability for other sponsorships. Please contact Ms. DeAnna Archer at deanna.archer@kirso.net if you would like to learn more about sponsorship opportunities.

Pediatric Transplant Guidebook: 4th Edition

Our guidebook for patients and families continues to be a hot commodity offered to hospitals by PHTS for their patients and family members. I want to thank our collaborators and sponsors in making this resource such a valuable tool to patients and families. I would like to start by thanking Stanford University Lucile Packard Children's Hospital for sponsoring our Spanish Version and our collaborators, Children's Cardiomyopathy Foundation, Transplant Families, and Enduring Hearts for providing support in their review and feedback to our past editions.
As we begin preparing our 4th Edition of the Guidebook, we are seeking volunteers to serve as co-editors. If you are interested in contributing, please contact Ms. DeAnna Archer at deanna.archer@kirso.net.

PHTS Foundation Vice-Chair: Accepting Nominations Soon

The Foundation will be accepting nominations for our next Vice-Chair of the Board of Directors soon. If you or someone you know would be interested in serving as our next Vice-Chair of the Board of Directors, please contact Ms. DeAnna Archer at deanna.archer@kirso.net.

In closing, I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to PHTS President Shri Deshpande, Vice-President Kevin Daly, Chairman of the Board Heather Henderson, and the Vice-Chairman of the Board Jeff Gossett and to all the members of the Board, PHTS Committees and our Data Coordinating Center team from Kirklin Solutions for continuing to be a positive driving force in moving the Society forward. Together, with your commitment and our growing collaboration with other organizations such as Enduring Hearts, Transplant Families, ACTION, and ISHLT to name a few; we will continue to profoundly impact the lives of those we serve.

With utmost gratitude and warmest regards.