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Dear Ms. Prata:

I am very pleased to acknowledge the generous 2019 donation in the amount of \$5,000 from the Directory Alumni Council (DAC). On behalf of Dr. Cynthia Lemere and the staff at the Foundation of Neurologic Diseases (FND), I'd like to thank the DAC for its loyal support of Dr. Lemere's ongoing research on Alzheimer's disease (AD). Since 1991, your unrestricted gifts have had a direct impact on the quest to find a safe and effective treatment for AD.

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We would like you to know that you, our long-term friends and supporters, are nothing less than our secret weapon in the fight against AD. While we have seen federal and other grant funding wax and wane over the years, we know that we can count on the steadfast commitment of our philanthropic donors. That trust in your support is a major driving force behind our ability to attract the best scientific minds in the field and provide them with the state-of-the-art tools and creative environment that serves to accelerate innovation.

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In particular, Dr. Lemere's lab benefits each year from the generous donations of the DAC. Dr. Lemere used the most recent donation towards the repair of some very old lab equipment, including a -80 degree C freezer that houses precious biological samples. In addition, the donation helped to fund an Emmanuel College undergraduate student who worked part-time in the lab until she graduated in May 2019. The student interacted with lab members, learned about the ongoing projects in the lab, and assisted with experiments, medical article searches and some administrative tasks. Her experience in the lab over several years helped form her decision to pursue a career in the medical field. This student will begin nursing school at Simmons College in September. Through these generous gifts, the DAC is directly contributing to the future of science and medicine.

We are grateful to supporters like you who remain as determined as we are to accelerate this journey towards treating and preventing AD. We have enjoyed meeting with members and friends of the DAC at your inspiring annual holiday luncheon these past few years. Please let us know if you will be gathering this year as we would love to save the date and see you there.

Sincerely yours,

Cathryn Chadwick
Assistant to the Executive Director

cc: Dr. Cynthia Lemere