[*Date*]

Dear [*Name*]:

Today, more than four million people around the world suffer from Parkinson's disease. The disease is chronic and progressive, with symptoms ranging from tremor, stiffness and pain to difficulty in speech and swallowing, depression and memory loss. Because of the complexity of this disease, patients and their families, as well as physicians and health care professionals, need access to the most effective care and treatment information available. ***That is why the National Parkinson Foundation (NPF) works every day to improve the quality of Parkinson's care through research, education and outreach.*** We believe by working together, we can improve the quality of life for every person diagnosed with Parkinson's disease today and in the future.

The NPF network is comprised of people dealing with Parkinson's disease, caregivers, families, friends, volunteers, and other tireless individuals who support our mission. NPF is eternally grateful to the generous people in the community who volunteer to raise funds and awareness to help support our mission.

This is your opportunity to support our community fundraisers by making a donation to [*Event name*]. We hope that you will be a part of this incredible group of people who provide inspiration and hope to the many people suffering from Parkinson's disease.

NPF is a 501 (c) (3) entity. All donations directed to NPF are tax deductible to the full extent of the law. All checks made payable to the National Parkinson Foundation are acknowledged with a tax receipt and a thank you from the home office in Miami, Florida.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me at 305-243-3881 or at cwelsh@parkinson.org.

Sincerely,

Claudia Welsh
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