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Dear WRT Community,

I want to extend a heartfelt thank you on behalf of American Friends of NATAL and NATAL – Israel's Trauma and Resiliency Center.

We were truly honored to be chosen as this year's beneficiary of your annual campaign, especially in a year when you've chosen to shine a light on mental health. Your support helps us continue our mission of providing trauma-informed care and resilience-building to those affected by crisis.

Last night's gala was a beautiful reflection of your community. The space was transformed with care and creativity, the food was delicious, and most of all, the energy in the room was warm, welcoming, and filled with laughter. From the heartfelt program to the lighthearted auction (we loved the "Rabbi's fountain of youth!"), it was clear that this is a community built on genuine connection.

At NATAL, we know that healing from trauma doesn't happen in isolation. It happens in relationship—with others, with community, and with hope. What we witnessed last night is exactly the kind of connection that helps make healing possible.

Thank you again for your kindness, your generosity, and for including us in something so meaningful.

With our deepest gratitude,

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**CEO, American Friends of NATAL**