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Dear Friends,

It is a privilege to congratulate VNS Health on their 2026 Benefit, "Care That Connects Us."

Since its founding in 1893, VNS Health has served countless patients, clients, and health plan members with expert and compassionate care every single day. This includes being a leader in home and community care for decades, while aiding millions with high quality, cost-effective care, reaching vulnerable communities who find it hard to access the resources that they need. VNS Health provides crucial services to older New Yorkers that enable them to live, age, and heal in their homes, connected to their loving family and community. Their community centers and outreach programs help older adults in Chinatown remain in their homes while receiving care, as well as recreational opportunities such as exercise and music programs that keep them connected to the community.

In recognizing the importance of caring for our older community, I am grateful to VNS Health for strengthening the health and wellbeing of our senior community in Chinatown and New York City. With this year's theme, "Care That Connects Us," we are reminded that at a time when it can be harder than ever to find opportunities to connect with each other, the work that VNS Health does to provide not only healthcare to those who need it, but also help enable them to connect with the community, is more important than ever.

I also extend my congratulations to this year's Lillian D. Wald Award honoree, Richard Park MD, CEO and Co-Founder of Rendr, and Managing Partner and Co-Founder of Ascend Partners. Thank you for your dedication to improving the health and welfare of underserved New Yorkers.

Best wishes on a successful Benefit and continued success.

Sincerely,

Grace Lee
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