



August 12, 2021

To Whom it May Concern:

This letter is in support of the Autism Society of the Keys. The Autism Society of the Keys is a wonderful organization that provides support and assistance to individuals with autism and their families. They hold three monthly support groups for family members, as well as providing families with school supplies, sensory items, and scholarships for therapy sessions, swimming lessons, and other important services.

UM-NSU CARD serves over 14,000 families in South Florida. It is simply not possible to reach all the families in need in our region without the support of wonderful community partner. The Autism Society of the Keys is one such partner. With our physical center at the University of Miami being so far for families in the Keys, we rely on these partnerships to enhance our efforts to serve our clients most in need. The services of the Autism Society of the Keys have simply been invaluable to families in Monroe County. We are forever indebted to them for the love and support they share with their community, and we are most definitely in support of them receiving additional funds to continue to expand their reach in the community.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or need further information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael Alessandri".

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