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APTQI Donates \$30,000 to Distinguished Nonprofit Organizations

Annual donations will support charitable missions that promote health and safety

Washington, D.C. — [The Alliance for Physical Therapy Quality and Innovation \(APTQI\)](#) today announced that it is donating \$30,000 to three distinguished charitable organizations as part of its annual giving program. The [National Suicide Prevention Lifeline](#), [Feeding America](#), and the [Naval Postgraduate School \(NPS\) Foundation](#) will each receive \$10,000 in order to support their ongoing missions to improve people’s health and wellbeing across the United States.

“Given the tremendous work they carry out each and every day, APTQI is proud to support the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline, Feeding America, and the Naval Postgraduate School Foundation,” said Nikesh Patel, PT, Executive Director of APTQI. “As they work to create healthy communities and support vulnerable individuals in need, we hope our contributions will help advance each group’s important mission.”

Since it was established in 2005, the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline has been a leader in suicide prevention and mental health crisis care. It provides free and confidential emotional support to people in suicidal crisis or emotional distress 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, across the United States. The Lifeline is comprised of a national network of over 180 local crisis centers, combining custom local care and resources with national standards and best practices. It also engages in a variety of initiatives to improve crisis services and advance suicide prevention for all, including innovative public messaging, best practices in mental health, and groundbreaking partnerships.

“We are incredibly grateful for APTQI’s generosity and support,” said Dr. John Draper, Executive Director of the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline. “By contributing to the Lifeline, this \$10,000 donation will allow us to continue helping individuals in a suicidal crisis or emotional distress 24 hours a day, seven days a week. We value the support of organizations like APTQI that recognize the importance of investing in mental health.”

"I am so grateful to APTQI for their support and acknowledgement of my husband's commitment and contribution to the therapy profession. I hope and believe the donation they made in honor of Richard Welty could help save someone else's life", said Lorraine Welty, Co-Founder & Chief Product Officer of Raintree Systems.

The Naval Postgraduate School Foundation exists to support the students and initiatives of the Naval Postgraduate School, a defense education and research institution serving the unique needs of the Naval and Joint Forces. ATPQI's donation will support NPS' Operational Readiness Research Center (ORC). The ORC conducts research in human performance to keep our service members combat-ready and advance capabilities of the force and trains military students in effective techniques to prolong health and enhance functional capacity, strength, and agility.

"As the ORC works to improve the individual readiness of military personnel now and into the future, APTQI's generous donation will help ensure America's service men and women are healthier, stronger, and more resilient," said Rich Patterson, CEO of the NPS Foundation.

Feeding America's mission is to advance change in America by ensuring equitable access to nutritious food for all in partnership with food banks, policymakers, supporters, and the communities it serves. The organization, which is now the nation's largest domestic hunger-relief organization, envisions an America where no one is hungry. Feeding America maintains a powerful and efficient network of 200 food banks across the country.

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About Alliance for Physical Therapy Quality and Innovation (APTQI)

The Alliance for Physical Therapy Quality and Innovation (APTQI) unites small, medium and large physical therapy practices to advocate for the physical therapy profession in the areas of payment reform, quality initiatives, outcomes and innovation projects. We are an aligned group of therapists and practices who share a common vision for the future of our profession. Our goal is to establish physical therapy as the treatment of choice and the best value for patients and payers. Learn more at aptqi.com.