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Good evening!

Most of the exhibits in this museum were last alive probably “BC,” which is interesting because I gather most of us here this evening were here last also “BC”—but that is “Before Covid.”

Thank you, Bob and Tom, for the overstated introduction; it is much appreciated, though! To Dr. Altcheck, many sincere congratulations for your Lifetime Achievement award this evening. Thank you for all you have done throughout your career and life to improve patients’ lives.

Thank you to Lou Shapiro and the whole HSS family. Our Foundation, SNF, and HSS go back almost 20 years of very fruitful collaboration on many projects, from clinical research to seminars, fellowships, professional education, to contributing to the endowed Thomas Sculco Chair in Orthopedic Surgery, and to helping establish the unique and top-of-the-line CJRC, the SNF Complex Joint Reconstruction Center, run by Dr. Tom Sculco, HSS’s Surgeon in Chief Emeritus. I met Dr. Sculco as a patient close to 20 years ago and the rest is history... but this history is the main impetus for our SNF-HSS collaboration throughout. Tom is a great friend, an amazing surgeon, doctor, teacher, who has dedicated his whole career and life to improving patients’ lives and helping empower younger doctors and surgeons around the globe to become the best they can, and most of all Tom is an amazing leader and human being, traits that we certainly miss today all around, in politics, business, etc. Maybe we can clone him!

Thank you to Dr. Takis Koulouvaris, who—although as we both figured out we grew up together in the same neighborhood back in Greece during summers when we were kids—we only met for the first time when SNF started the HSS fellowship program and Takis came to New York and trained under Dr. Sculco; Takis then helped lead the HSS-SNF fellowship and seminar programs with doctors and surgeons from Greece. It’s all about connecting the dots.

Thank you to all my colleagues at SNF who have joined on our journey these last 25 plus years in trying, day in and day out, to contribute to a better world all around us. Thank you to my great uncle, our late Founder, Stavros Niarchos, who endowed our Foundation and gave this amazing opportunity, and means, to begin our philanthropic journey back in 1996. We have been in more than 135 countries around the world, partnered with more than 5,000 grantees (and we couldn’t be more proud of partnering with HSS), contributed more than \$3 billion (and a lot of our own human



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capital) in the areas of social welfare, arts and culture, health and sports, education. Health at large has been a priority of ours, health, access to quality health care has to be a given for all human beings all around the world. Health is a core element and prerequisite for our own humanity to exist and excel with decency and respect for every human being.

We have been honored to have partnered, among others, here in New York with hundreds of grantees, across the spectrum, with the New York Public Library, with Lincoln Center, with Rockefeller University, with Columbia University, with many arts, education, social welfare organizations, and our current focus, on a global scale is health. Our global Health Initiative, a number of projects in Greece and elsewhere, is a package worth more than \$700 million, covering physical infrastructure (including building three new hospitals in Greece, collaborating with hospitals in Jordan, Spain, the U.S., and more), running educational and training programs, providing support to Rockefeller University for comprehensive research on global infectious diseases, and committing to collaborating with field experts like the Child Mind Institute and Columbia University in New York in trying to empower the field of mental health experts in every possible way. (Official details will be announced very soon.) If Covid did one good thing, it is that it took the stigma from mental health; mental health issues have touched every family and we should seriously start dealing with our mental health at large in a profoundly serious way.

Our SNF Nostos Conference in a couple of weeks, June 23-24, in Athens, Greece will be elaborating on our Health Initiative in more detail, and it's an open platform for anyone interested to attend, I know some of you in the audience this evening will be joining us!

Again, to our great partner, HSS, thank you for the honor this evening, thank you for all you do in providing the highest-quality patient care, and for your commitment and compassion for all patients. Let's not forget, that behind every successful organization, it's all about the people involved. Thank you—stay human!