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This crisis touches everyone.

Untreated mental illness doesn't stay contained. It shows up in our emergency rooms, our schools, our workplaces and our families. The social need has never been more urgent. I saw this first hand through the struggles of a single mom fighting for her gifted son battling anxiety, depression and worse. It is said that we need more providers or that we need AI therapy bots to replace real therapists, but neither address the problem. The best providers were available, but they only took cash payment. She couldn't afford them... even her deductible put care out of reach for her and her son.

I began to look at the sector and found that affordability and choice were the barriers...and they have existed for decades.

It seemed like philanthropy was the only solution to these barriers. After all, America's legacy in philanthropy is the envy of the World...built on our foundation of individualism, freedom and enterprise. And yet, philanthropy itself is deeply traditional and resistant to change.

Surely, there was a role philanthropy could play in the long-standing mental health crisis that is tearing at the fabric of our society every day. But, it would have to be transformed.

As a technology innovator and healthcare entrepreneur through a long career. I have watched the waves of applications around early AI in the late 70's through the breakthroughs leading to current AI.

Every day, we hear of how AI is going to change the World...and it will. For us and for those families and individuals struggling with mental health challenges, AI is enabling us to address the crushing societal problem of mental health and unleash the wellspring of American philanthropy and goodness on an unprecedented scale.

I know that Inheris will truly transform lives...the life of the woman I know and her son are a constant reminder for me of this promise...as are the many other people I have encountered who have struggled or continue to struggle.

Onward,

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