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## **PHILADELPHIA ANGEL INVESTOR HERALDS YOUNG PHARMACEUTICAL AS TEAM RINGS OPENING BELL**

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, July 25, 2018 – The professional paths of Philadelphia-based Keiretsu Forum Mid-Atlantic President, Howard Lubert and Savara CEO, Rob Neville crossed just over eight years ago, and an extraordinary bond was formed which leads directly to NASDAQ. Savara, a Life Science company focused on the development of therapies for orphan lung diseases, rang the Opening Bell at the NASDAQ MarketSite on Monday, July 23, 2018. Howard Lubert joined Savara at the podium.

Savara was founded in 2008 with a vision of developing late-stage therapeutics targeting difficult to treat lung diseases. Their current focus is on Pulmonary Alveolar Proteinosis (PAP), MRSA lung infection in Cystic Fibrosis, and Nontuberculous Mycobacteria. Funding for Savara's development has come exclusively from Angel Investors. Keiretsu members contributed key funding for Savara's early development totaling approximately \$10 million prior to the company's entrance to the public markets.

Keiretsu Forum is a global angel investor network with more than 3,000 accredited investor members throughout 53 chapters on four continents. Howard co-founded the Mid-Atlantic Region in 2010. He brings 33 years of formalizing and optimizing the due diligence and deal flow processes for various venture capital funds including Safeguard Scientifics and its family of private equity funds, as well as other angel investment groups to Keiretsu Forum Mid-Atlantic. Howard was also a senior manager at Deloitte & Touche, where he played a principal role in the development of the e-business consulting practice. He is a renowned Term Sheet creator and negotiator and takes on this role in every due diligence project in the Mid-Atlantic and South-East Regions.

To say that the stars were aligned when the paths of these two men met would be an understatement. Angel investors are significant to startups. They typically contribute their skills, expertise, knowledge, and contacts to the businesses in which they invest. "Keiretsu Forum increases the value of investment exponentially by harnessing the collaborative intelligence and power of its members to advance the development of the portfolio companies," says Howard. "Keiretsu Forum members take particular pride in the work of Rob and his team. Those who elected to invest in Savara will see a healthy return on their original initial investment."

### **About Savara**

Savara is an orphan lung disease company. Savara's pipeline comprises: Molgradex, an inhaled granulocyte-macrophage colony-stimulating factor, or GM-CSF, in Phase 3 development for autoimmune pulmonary alveolar proteinosis, or aPAP and in Phase 2a development for nontuberculous mycobacteria, or NTM lung infection; and AeroVanc, a Phase 3 stage inhaled vancomycin for treatment of persistent methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus*, or MRSA, lung infection in cystic fibrosis, or CF. Savara's strategy involves expanding its pipeline of potentially best-in-class products through indication expansion, strategic development partnerships, and product acquisitions, with the goal of

becoming a leading company in its field. Savara's management team has significant experience in orphan drug development and pulmonary medicine, identifying unmet needs, developing and acquiring new product candidates, and effectively advancing them to approvals and commercialization. More information can be found at [www.savarapharma.com](http://www.savarapharma.com). (Twitter: @SavaraPharma)

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Keiretsu Forum Leaders Howard Lubert & Randy Williams are joined by Keiretsu Forum investors at the Savara Nasdaq bell ringing.