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*It is with great appreciation that we present this annual report of donors for the 2015 fiscal year.*

**W**ithin these pages, you will find stories that highlight and celebrate some of the many charitable efforts made this year by friends, corporations, foundations and community groups in support of the life-saving work being conducted by our two institutions—UMass Medical School and UMass Memorial Health Care.

Your remarkable generosity has helped us advance our critical mission areas in education, research and patient care. Through philanthropy, we have been able to upgrade facilities and purchase state-of-the-art equipment; fill key clinical, faculty and research positions; endow scholarships; fund clinics; provide quality, patient-centered health care services here at home and across the world; and delve deeper into research that may, one day, lead to better treatments, and ideally cures, for a variety of diseases such as ALS, Huntington's disease, cystic fibrosis, cancer and diabetes, among many others.

As you well know, our academic health sciences center is a special place. It is a place where the well-being of others is put above all else. It is a place where people work collaboratively each and every day to improve the health of our local

and global communities. It is a place where making a difference is an institutional value and a personal responsibility.

By supporting our efforts to educate tomorrow's health care workforce, conduct groundbreaking research and deliver quality health care services, you are also making a difference. You are empowering us to achieve and exceed our goals in support of our shared mission and inspiring us to reach even higher in our aspirations to improve the health and well-being of all. You are also sending a powerful message about the importance of the work we undertake to positively impact the health and well-being of people here at home and across the globe.

Thank you for your generous support and for your belief in our work.

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