

## P R E S I D E N T I A L U P D A T E

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Dear Valued Partner,

As a 2015-2016 President's Circle member and dedicated supporter of Dana-Farber Cancer Institute and the Jimmy Fund, you are shaping the way we fight cancer. Thank you for your steadfast support. Dana-Farber continues to provide personalized, extraordinary care for our patients and their families, and drive research that is acclaimed worldwide. You are a vital part of this lifesaving work—thank you.

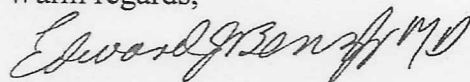
Last year, at least seven new treatments for cancer resulting directly from Dana-Farber research were introduced in record time. This is an incredible number and further evidence of the outstanding scientists, research programs, and field-leading experts here at Dana-Farber, which are all made possible by the support of President's Circle members.

In January, several of Dana-Farber's experts were invited to discuss the White House's cancer cure "moonshot" initiative with fellow scientists and members of Vice President Joe Biden's staff in Washington, DC. Dana-Farber's Chief Scientific Officer Barrett Rollins, MD, PhD; George Demetri, MD; Pasi Jänne, MD, PhD; Nikhil Wagle, MD; and a delegation assembled by the American Association for Cancer Research joined Vice President Biden's staff to brainstorm high-value, near-term actions in the fight against cancer. Dr. Rollins shared that the group proposed two recommendations: the need for an independent entity to collect and share cancer gene DNA sequencing across the entire cancer research community; and federal reimbursement for the cancer gene-sequencing tests of patients' tumors. This exciting meeting is just the beginning of the new federal movement to conquer cancer, and we are proud to be a part of it.

As I reflect prior to my retirement in June, I'm proud of everything this world-class institution has accomplished. The honor of working so closely during my 16 years as DFCI President and CEO with Dana-Farber's faculty and staff and getting to know many of our patients, families, and supporters has truly been one of the highlights of my career. I know this incredible work will continue with the next president, and I look forward to more progress and discoveries made because of your generosity.

Thank you for your continued support of Dana-Farber and the Jimmy Fund through the President's Circle. You have brought healing and hope to patients at Dana-Farber and around the world.

Warm regards,



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