

Chairman of the Board



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The Foundation continues to be in a very strong position to support the needs of the Clinic. These needs are particularly acute now, as the Clinic prepares for far greater use of telemedicine and COVID-19 testing and treatment. The Clinic's needs include significant computer upgrades, protective equipment, rapid testing equipment, patient video equipment and, ultimately, the therapeutics and vaccines necessary to provide state-of-the-art care for its patients.

I would like to thank the executive committee – Skip Branin, Treasurer and Vice Chairman; Bill Ghriskey, Vice Chairman; and Dan Bayly, Will Farish, Mary Anne Hastings, Mary Howell, Diane Mayer, Charlie Morrison, Jim Murphy, Pete Nicholas, Jim Runde and Daly Walker. The executive committee has made a major effort to stress the importance of substantially broadening our donor base, especially given the changing make-up of our community. We believe that we all have a shared responsibility to support the Clinic, since we all benefit from having high-quality health care conveniently here on the island.

The Foundation needs to provide almost \$3 million per year to support the Clinic and Foundation's activities. Despite the challenging environment, the Foundation has been able to substantially increase its asset base during fiscal year 2020 (as of Sept. 30).

This year, the Foundation surpassed our capital campaign goal of \$5 million, even though our campaign was cut short somewhat by the COVID-19 pandemic. We wish to express our sincere thanks to all who contributed to the successful completion of the campaign. The Foundation made a particular effort to reach out to newer members of the community. The campaign added more than 50 new families to our major donor base, an increase of more than 15 percent. We will endeavor to continue to broaden the base of donors in the future.

Many thanks to our development team as led by campaign chairman Dan Bayly, major gifts chairperson Mary Howell and their team of solicitors for successfully completing the campaign. Special thanks go to Executive Director Mary Anne Hastings and Development Coordinator Cannon Wenzel for their extraordinary efforts.

The Foundation now has more than 320 families that receive the benefit of the Foundation-sponsored Healthnetwork membership. This membership offers access to the most prestigious medical institutions in the United States, including New York Hospital for Special Surgery, Cleveland Clinic, Dana Farber, Mayo Clinic, Johns Hopkins, and MD Anderson, among others. Many of our major donors have had excellent experiences when they have used Healthnetwork.

Our annual giving campaign raised over \$1 million for the third year in a row, under the capable hands of Diane Mayer. The Foundation thanks Diane for all her efforts. We also welcome our new chair, Nancy Hayden, to the role. We know she will continue that success into the future.

The Foundation has initiated a succession plan that has put into place an orderly leadership change, several years into the future. This succession plan guarantees that the leadership of the Foundation will evolve with the changing needs of the community.

While our spring auction and golf tournaments were cancelled, most of the hard work that goes into them had already been accomplished by auction chairs Susie Tinsley and Liz Verney, as well as their committee, and golf chairs John Jackoboice and Peter Powell. We thank them for their incredible efforts. We are hopeful that Spring 2021 will allow the Foundation to resume its long, successful history of hosting these events.

Thanks also to Audit Committee Chair Jim Runde and his team for their efforts to ensure a clean, joint audit each year.

We welcome Mary Ann Van Lokeren as the Clinic's new chairperson and Mark Driscoll as the new Clinic CEO. They both join the Clinic team to provide support to Dr. Hana and her team, as they face the continuing challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic.

In closing, the Foundation is in a strong position to provide whatever level of support the Clinic needs in this very challenging environment.

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