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Dear Colleagues,

This year, more than any other we can remember, the adage *the only constant is change*, rings particularly true. We hope that amidst this change, this letter finds you well and adapting to new routines both on campus and at home. In fact, as so many of us continue to work remotely, receiving this letter at home is a perfect example of ‘change’ this year!

It also seems like a time to continue to come together as a community in support of causes in need of financial assistance. While our experiences as Tufts faculty and staff in 2020 are different, providing an opportunity to fulfill needs right here on campus and within our host communities is more important than ever.

With that in mind as we launch the 2020 Tufts Community Appeal (TCA), we are focusing on two areas in most need of your support: student financial aid and Tufts Community Grants. To us as a volunteer board, these feel especially important and align firmly with the TCA mission to build community by supporting our students, our work, and our communities. You can also direct your gift to any area at Tufts or give to a charity of your choice.

Student Financial Aid

The additional need for financial aid across our schools has been significant. The current estimate is that student need for financial aid will increase by at least \$5 million this year. To support financial aid, Senior Vice President of University Advancement, Eric Johnson, is offering a challenge: if 150 of us make a gift to financial aid (any school), he will make a gift of \$3,000.

Tufts Community Grants

Financial stress has not only increased within our student community, but also within our host communities. A gift to the Tufts Community Grants (TCG) program provides support for non-profits operating within Boston, Medford, Somerville and Grafton. Thanks to your support, last year TCG awarded grants to 34 non-profits, and more than 135 organizations since the program began. This year, Mary Jeka, Senior Vice President of University Relations, is offering a challenge: if 150 of us make a gift to the TCG, she will make a gift of \$3,000.

You may make your gift online (tuftsgiving.org), via payroll deduction, or using the form on the back of this letter. Thank you, as always, for considering this request, your generosity, and for joining us in making a difference together.

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