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Dear Colleagues,

When we launched the annual Tufts Community Appeal campaign last fall, we imagined things might look normal by now. And yet, here we are, one year later, still living in a world of constant change. We hope you are well and, like us, adapting to your latest routine—both on campus and at home.

While we cannot connect in person like we used to, as faculty and staff we remain a part of a vital and vibrant community. Together, we can fulfill needs right here on campus and within our host communities.

Our 2021 TCA campaign focuses on two areas with ongoing need of your support: student financial aid and Tufts Community Grants. As a volunteer board, we believe these are especially important and align with the TCA mission to build community by supporting our students, work, and host communities.

**Student Financial Aid**
The additional need for financial aid across our schools remains significant. The current estimate is that student need for financial aid is at least $3 million over pre-pandemic levels. Providing our students with the financial support they need to study at Tufts is a top priority.

**Tufts Community Grants**
Financial insecurity also continues to challenge our host communities. Your gift to Tufts Community Grants (TCG) supports non-profits operating within Boston, Medford, Somerville, and Grafton—last year TCG awarded grants to 35 non-profits and has provided grants to more than 140 organizations since the program began. This year, when you designate your gift to TCG, you will have double the impact. Thanks to a generous matching gift from Cummings Foundation, every dollar donated to the TCG program will be matched—up to $50,000!

As always, you may designate your donation to any areas at Tufts. Make your gift online at go.tufts.edu/giveTCA, via payroll deduction, or using the enclosed form. Thank you for considering this request, your generosity, and for joining us in building a brighter world together.

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