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Dear Ms. Broers,

At Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, we have a lot to be excited about. As you know, the Institute launched *Mission Possible: The Dana-Farber Campaign to Conquer Cancer* in January 2007. This ambitious \$1 billion campaign will help secure the financial resources necessary to accelerate the pace of discovery, speed the development of new cancer treatments to help save lives, and expand the Institute's ability to provide its signature total patient care.

We are delighted to report that as of the end of April, we have raised \$798 million—more than 79 percent of our goal. We never could have achieved this amazing progress without your generosity, for which we are deeply appreciative—thank you! We would like to keep you abreast of how your support for the *Mission Possible* Campaign is advancing our lifesaving mission. There are many tangible examples of how your generosity is keeping Dana-Farber in the forefront of cancer research and care.

With your support, we have been able to implement and develop powerful new technologies that have opened exciting new avenues of research that would not have been possible even a few years ago; enter into unprecedented collaborations with other academic institutions and with industry; undertake the most innovative research projects in all types of cancer; and address the needs of our patients and families that go far beyond the treatment of a patient's cancer. The following examples illustrate how your gifts are making a difference.

Dana-Farber has recently established a sophisticated technology platform to provide physician-scientists with access to advanced tools that speed the process of translating discoveries into new therapies for patients. Your gifts have allowed us to recruit world-class experts and purchase new equipment that more rapidly and accurately sifts through large numbers of genes and proteins to analyze irregularities and interactions, manage voluminous data sets, detect cancer at its earliest stages, synthesize new drugs, and develop targeted therapies.

Your support has also enabled us to accelerate the development and efficacy of cancer drugs and forge powerful collaborations with industry. Dana-Farber's Center for Applied Cancer Science (CACS) recently entered an alliance with the pharmaceutical firm Merck and Co. to help improve the success rate of new therapies entering clinical trials. Through this "team science" approach, CACS investigators are analyzing promising drug targets, working with Merck scientists to shepherd the development of new drugs, and testing their effectiveness.

The *Mission Possible* Campaign has also given us the opportunity to reach patients in new ways. In addition to building the Yawkey Center for Cancer Care—a major funding priority of the campaign—we are expanding our presence in the communities where our patients live. Our oncology clinic at Faulkner Hospital in Jamaica Plain opened in 2006, and we recently opened our second satellite facility at Milford Regional Medical Center in Milford, Mass. Plans are also underway to open two additional satellite care centers in the next two years: one in Londonderry, N.H., and the other in Weymouth, Mass. We expect to serve 2,000 patients annually through these new clinics, which will provide more convenience to those who live to the north, south, and west of Boston.

As you can see, this is an unprecedented time at Dana-Farber. We now have the knowledge and tools necessary to conquer this disease and develop personalized treatments for patients, and we have created a blueprint for definitive action. We could not have achieved these amazing results without you. Thank you for believing in and supporting our *Mission Possible* Campaign. I look forward to corresponding with you in the future about our continued progress.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Edward J. Benz Jr.", written in a cursive style.

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