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Dear Friend of UMDF,

You know this letter is going to ask you for money, and I will make no pretense about it. You have donated to us generously in the past, and we are very grateful. What we owe you, before we ask you again to help people suffering with a mitochondrial disease, is to let you know how we spend your money.

We don't treat your money lightly. In fact, your decision to support us means that we have to be the very best stewards we can. Over the years, we have worked tirelessly to make strides to help find treatments – and ultimately a cure – for mitochondrial disease.

One of the best ways to show you how far we have progressed is through our "decade of difference." For example,

- ➔ *In 2003, our cumulative dollars spent on mitochondrial research had not yet reached a million. Today, UMDF has contributed over \$11,000,000 leading to new clinical trials and potential treatments.*
- ➔ *In 2003, there were three clinical trials related to mitochondrial disorders. Today, there are 305 mitochondrial-related clinical trials ongoing.*
- ➔ *In 2003, researchers were just beginning to understand the link between mitochondrial dysfunction and other more common diseases. Today, a clear link has been established between dysfunctional mitochondria and Alzheimer's, Parkinson's, diabetes, certain cancers, and even the aging process itself.*
- ➔ *In 2003, UMDF had six chapters and 20 support groups. Today, UMDF has representation in every state and in 152 countries.*
- ➔ *In 2003, only two members of Congress knew about mitochondrial disease. Today, 372 members of the House and Senate have been informed. When they make decisions about how to spend significant federal money on health-related issues, mitochondrial disease will be on their minds.*
- ➔ *In 2003, 124 people attended the UMDF symposium, with three people from other nations. Today, 500 people attend representing 16 different countries.*
- ➔ *In 2003, gene sequencing was just a dream. Today, gene sequencing is a reality, identifying areas where mutations occur and targeting potential treatments.*

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YES, I want to help UMDF this year with my gift of:

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- ➔ **In 2003, 36 researchers applied to UMDF with research proposals. Today, upwards of 211 apply.**
- ➔ **In 2003, there were no UMDF "Grand Rounds" (programs where mitochondrial specialists travel to different hospitals to brief medical personnel on mitochondrial disease). Today, over 80 grand rounds have taken place, serving approximately 50 people each time, leading to 4,000 medical professionals being informed about the diagnosis and treatment of mitochondrial disorders.**
- ➔ **In 2003, there were 21 identified "mito docs" in existence on four pieces of paper. Today, there are 96 PAGES of mito docs with an additional 20 pages of mito docs identified worldwide.**

We are getting closer every day to more effective treatments. UMDF is the group that can bring scientists and clinicians together so that we minimize duplication of effort, spark ideas, and keep everyone out of their silos and into a productive flow of communication. THAT is what is critical moving forward. THAT is what will get us to new treatments. And none of it can be done without your help.

So as I admitted from the beginning, this letter is going to ask you for money, unashamedly. Please be as generous as you can – we've made it a bit easier for you with the attached pledge card and return envelope.

We spend your money as carefully and thoughtfully as we can, because we know those with mitochondrial disease are counting on us. Thank you so very much for your help.

Sincerely,

**Charles A. Mohan, Jr.
Chief Executive Officer/Executive Director**

P.S. If I haven't convinced you, call me at 412-793-8077.



**Thank you for helping us
make a difference for
the past 10 years!**



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I want to make even more of an impact!

I would like to make a recurring, monthly gift in the amount of \$_____ to begin on the 1st or 15th of the month.

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