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Dear Friends,

After arriving at Children's in February of 2017, I quickly came to appreciate the important role that you, as members of the Friends of St. Louis Children's Hospital, play in the life of this wonderful hospital. On behalf of our patients and their families, our hospital team and the Foundation, I want to thank you for your tremendous and loyal support and dedication, as Guardians of Childhood, enabling our shared mission: *St. Louis Children's Hospital will do what is right for children.*

Long before the opportunity arose for me to come to Children's, the institution was a place I held in high esteem. Over the past year, I have enjoyed getting to know the hospital better and marveling at what we are capable of. I also marvel at the collective impact you have supported over the past year that include:

- Supporting expert care for more than 275,000 patient visits;
- Serving 15,000 children in the community through our Healthy Kids Express programs;
- Funding more than 85 researchers with 14 being newly awarded in 2017;
- Catalyzing the development of an in-patient psychiatric unit with the goal on having it online by the end of 2018; and
- Recording our best fundraising year in thirteen years when we account for cash and pledges totaling more than \$47.2M.

St. Louis Children's Hospital and Barnes-Jewish Hospital Parkview Tower grand opening events also took place in mid-January. These additions to the BJC campus will expand clinical care at Siteman Kids, grow our surgical programs, and launch St. Louis' most advanced, integrated center dedicated to women's health and specialized infant care. If you haven't already, please plan a visit to see all the growth and progress you've helped to enable!

Looking forward into 2018, we will continue to catalyze and amplify the impact of our hospital so that it reflects our highest level of clinical, education and research excellence and upholds our promise to all children and families: that we protect the simple right of all kids to be kids by delivering only the best child health outcomes.

Building on our past successes and with the guidance and support of forward-looking leaders and ambassadors like you, I know there is so much we can accomplish to help make the future brighter for children and families. Working together, we will continue to:

- Elevate health care from great to even greater both within Children's and in the broader community;
- Keep pace with new knowledge and technologies – giving us the tools to deliver the best possible care;
- Support the recruitment and retention of world-class experts who drive advances; and
- Fund strategic projects that provide the space and infrastructure that allow us to deliver on our promise.

Last but certainly not least, I hope you will join us for the *15th Annual Table Tops Spring Event* on Wednesday, April 18, 2018, at the Ritz-Carlton. I understand that many of you have supported *Table Tops* in some way for many years. We look forward to hosting you for boutique shopping, elaborate table décor, and a wonderful lunch program featuring Christy Merrell, St. Louis Children's Hospital's music therapist. Please contact Megan Stivers (314-286-0080 or megan.stivers@bjc.org) with questions.

On behalf of everyone at Children's, thank you for your dedicated support and commitment to bringing hope and healing to all children.

With immense gratitude,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Malcolm E. Berry". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Malcolm E. Berry
Chief Development Officer