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Dear Friend of the Digestive Health Foundation,

I am writing to ask for your help in fighting a powerful adversary—digestive disease. Digestive disease has many faces, from colorectal cancer and hepatitis, to Crohn's disease and ulcerative colitis, to pancreatic cancer and esophageal/swallowing disorders. More than one in five Americans are affected each year by digestive disease, costing families and communities more than \$142 billion annually. This says nothing of the emotional, psychological, and social costs of these diseases. I have endured almost 40 years battling Crohn's disease and could only have done so through the support of my family and the physicians treating me. With your help, the Digestive Health Foundation (DHF) can further our mission of accelerating medical discoveries aimed at transforming digestive disease into digestive health for patients and families.

In just three years, donors have funded 30 diverse cutting-edge research studies, two advanced physician fellowships, two endowments for Digestive Disease and Gastrointestinal Surgery Research, and the DHF BioRepository, a unique resource providing blood and tissue samples from patients diagnosed with digestive disorders at the Northwestern Medicine Digestive Health Center. By supporting innovative research endeavors, advanced training for physicians, and critical research infrastructure, our donors support the development of new, patient-centered treatments and, ultimately, cures to beat these diseases.

We need your help to find more effective treatments and cures, so that patients and families have a better outlook for their future. We hope you will consider a gift to help DHF invest in the scientific discovery that will bring hope and relief to not only current patients and their families at Northwestern Medicine but also to future patients and families.

This is a particularly exciting time to support the Digestive Health Foundation, as the recently-launched DHF BioRepository is initiating the gathering of thousands of tissue specimens (and related data) to be analyzed by researchers and used to turn scientific studies into personalized approaches to prevention, diagnosis, treatments and cures for a broad range of digestive disorders.

Our vision and mission is to transform digestive disease into digestive health.

Together let's change the future of digestive disease.

With deepest gratitude,

Lee A. Gould
President, Digestive Health Foundation

P.S. Please give by using the enclosed envelope or online at:
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