Dear Global Health Institute Friends and Colleagues,

On behalf of the University of Wisconsin-Madison Global Health Institute (GHI) Board of Visitors, we invite you to join us in congratulating GHI on a decade of remarkable leadership, collaboration and impact. Here, we see the Wisconsin Idea at its very best!

In 2011, GHI was established to serve as a hub for global health education, research and outreach on campus, dedicated to addressing the most complicated issues of our time. Partnering across 21 schools, colleges and divisions, GHI’s work is grounded in a global health ethic that recognizes the health of humans, animals, and the planet’s ecosystems are inextricably linked. COVID-19 sharpens the focus on these connections and highlights the urgent need to ensure GHI’s long-term sustainability.

GHI’s impact is evident in the many educational programs and initiatives the Institute has catalyzed during the last decade, including the:

- Undergraduate and Graduate/Professional Global Health Certificate programs
- 4W Initiative (Women & Well-being in Wisconsin & the World)
- UniverCity Alliance
- Health-Oriented Transportation Initiative
- Planetary Health Graduate Scholar program, one of the first in the United States

In addition, GHI’s competitive grants program has provided nearly two million dollars to advance UW’s global health research and outreach, and brought visiting scholars to campus from around the world. GHI awards empower students and researchers from across campus to collaborate on new projects and have led to extramural grants and scientific advances in

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areas as diverse as indigenous knowledge and improved food systems, disaster management and emergency medical care in low-income settings.

GHI is guided by a diverse group of leaders who represent multiple sectors. The team is comprised of physicians, veterinarians, engineers, economists, pharmacists, nurses, social scientists and historians. These leaders continue to serve on the pandemic’s front lines, shape public health policies and develop creative solutions to address COVID-19 and better prepare for and prevent future pandemics.

The future requires bold thinking and willingness to collaborate. Today, more than ever, GHI serves as an exemplary model for educational excellence, evidence-based research and informed policy making. A trusted resource now and into the future, GHI is a pillar of UW-Madison’s global health education and serves as invaluable partner to educators, researchers and scholars, both within and beyond the health sciences, to address urgent global health challenges, tackle underlying causes of diseases and champion human and planetary health.

As members of GHI’s Board of Visitors, we are excited to kick off the Institute’s 10th anniversary celebration with you. Supported by public and private funds, GHI relies on the generosity of donors to address today’s—and tomorrow's—most critical issues.

Over the next few months, GHI will be sharing stories that demonstrate the Institute’s ripple effect across UW, Wisconsin, and the world.

We hope you will join us in making a generous gift to GHI—our collective health depends on it. All gifts are welcome and appreciated. Thank you for your consideration.

On, Wisconsin!

Sincerely,
The UW-Madison Global Health Institute
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If you would like more information about making a gift to GHI, contact Advancement Director Calyn Ostrowski at calyn.ostrowski@wisc.edu.

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