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Dear Einstein Community:

As the year draws to a close and we look to 2016, we want to acknowledge the tremendous commitment and devotion that has been shown by all those who are members of the Einstein and Montefiore family—and express our heartfelt thanks and gratitude.

The process of Einstein joining Montefiore began almost a year ago. Though complicated, it produced one of the most essential and transformative events in the long history of Einstein and Montefiore—and has been well worth the effort. The new arrangement will enable Einstein to better fulfill its dual research and educational missions, while allowing Montefiore to bring the most advanced care to our communities and strengthen its position as one of the nation’s leading academic health systems.

A critical ingredient of this longstanding partnership has been a shared sense of values that can, perhaps, be most summarized in two words—social justice. The collective commitment to this ideal, also shared by Albert Einstein, was central to the founding of both Einstein and Montefiore.

When the College of Medicine admitted its first class in 1955, it was a time of quotas and intense discrimination. Einstein represented a safe haven for both Jewish and non-Jewish medical and graduate students, welcoming all creeds and races. Einstein and Montefiore uphold and cherish this tradition of inclusion today for all people, regardless of their religion, race, cultural background, sexual orientation or gender identity.

In building on the institutions’ complementary strengths and values, it is clear that many extraordinary opportunities lie ahead. With a strong sense of hopefulness and resolve, we offer our best wishes to all of you and to your families during this holiday season and into the New Year.

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