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Greetings,

The experiences of this past year have been unlike any other, as the Covid-19 pandemic continues to create havoc for people in a litany of ways. That is why, even as this rages on, the generosity, concern, and support you provide to the mission of Garding Against Cancer has been so inspirational. We know that cancer is not taking a “time-out” to allow the coronavirus to be the sole proprietor of inflicting harm. That is essentially why, as cancer continues to also disrupt the lives of patients and their families across Wisconsin, we must continue to do all that we can to support their journeys, as well as the medical community’s passionate fight to eradicate this disease. Whether you’ve joined our team through sponsorships, donations, in-kind gifts, or your own precious gift of time, we thank you, with all our hearts, for being an integral part of our Garding Against Cancer community.

When we began on our Garding Against Cancer journey, in honor and memory of Greg’s father, Glen Gard, who passed away in October of 2015 after a six-month battle with brain cancer, we could have never imagined the outpouring of support for this initiative. Since establishing Garding Against Cancer in December of 2016, we have successfully raised more than \$4.8 million dollars, all of which stays in Wisconsin. At the UW Carbone Cancer Center, these contributions enable researchers to explore promising new ideas, purchase new cancer research technology, and develop better methods of diagnosing, treating, and preventing cancer. Your support in 2020 has directly translated to advancements in immunotherapy treatments, pediatric research, clinical trials for breast cancer, and has also supported the Wisconsin Cancer Collaboration Council’s focus on improving cancer disparities across the state. Additionally, funds are used to support patient care initiatives around the state of Wisconsin; particularly in Menomonie, Wausau, Oshkosh, and La Crosse, where we have provided funding for patient wigs, pediatric cancer family support, patient massage and music therapy, cool cap therapy to help prevent hair loss, and cancer screenings.

Like many things in 2021, our fifth annual signature event plans are unknown. However, we remain committed to our fight against cancer and our support of UW Carbone as well as the cancer patients and families around the Badger state. We hope you will join us in Garding Against Cancer and when we know more about our event plans, our sponsors will be the first to know.

Coach Greg and Michelle Gard

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