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Dear Fellow/Member,

Every year at our Annual Meeting, we are reminded of the incredible bond that unites our members in their shared commitment to advancing our field. The American Laryngological Association (ALA) stands as a premier organization dedicated to promoting education and research in the realm of laryngology. Our mission encompasses the dissemination of critical scientific information, the study of basic science, the presentation of the latest scientific discoveries, the publication of peer-reviewed reports, and the establishment of funding sources for pilot research studies that pave the way for subsequent NIH funding.

The ALA has consistently worked towards fulfilling its objectives of promoting education and research. We achieve this through various means, including our annual meeting, the development of the laryngology curriculum and patient education materials, and the sponsorship of educational activities like the Neurolaryngology Study Group and the Post-Graduate Member Breakfast Symposium. Notably, since the inception of the Post-Graduate Member category, we have prioritized initiatives that support a smooth transition from PG Membership to Active, or Corresponding Membership, such as our mentorship program and the provision of funds for the best Post-Graduate Member oral presentation at our annual meeting.

Furthermore, we eagerly anticipate greater engagement with our international colleagues through our corresponding fellows and the recently established Eugene N. Myers International Award in Laryngology. This award is presented annually at our Annual Meeting to recognize a scientific submission (oral or poster) that exemplifies excellence in scientific contribution to the field of laryngology. We have also acknowledged excellence in research

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through awards such as the Casselberry Award, Young Faculty/Practitioner Award, and the Resident Research Award.

It is essential to emphasize that scientific research forms the bedrock of progress in our specialty. With this in mind, the ALA has been awarding two research grants each year—the ALA/ALVRE Research Grant and the ALA/Seymour R. Cohen Research Grant. While the Laryngological Research Fund was established in 1940, and the Seymour R. Cohen Grant in 1989, the grant amounts have remained relatively unchanged over the years. We recognize the need to further fortify our commitment to supporting research. Therefore, we are thrilled to announce the launch of a campaign by the ALA council to establish a new grant mechanism specifically tailored to early investigators. Our goal is to raise the necessary \$300,000 to endow a \$15,000 annual research award. Once this goal is met, the ALA will be in a position to offer three research grants annually. This endeavor holds the promise of significantly enhancing the future of laryngeal research.

As we approach the season of gratitude and the holiday spirit, we humbly request your support in making this campaign a resounding success. Your charitable contributions are tax-deductible, and all funds received will be reinvested into our membership in the form of research grants. The enduring impact of your generosity will be felt by nurturing laryngeal research early in the careers of aspiring Laryngologists.

To make your contribution, please return the donation card you received in the mailing or log on to the donate to the ALA by clicking on <https://www.paypal.com/US/fundraiser/charity/2268037>. Your contributions will be prominently recognized at our 145th Annual Meeting in Chicago in May 2024. For those who wish to explore naming opportunities for substantial gifts, please don't hesitate to reach out to us directly via our email addresses below.

Thank you for being an integral part of the ALA and for steadfastly supporting its goals and missions. We extend our warmest wishes for a joyful Thanksgiving and a festive holiday season.

Sincerely,



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