As we step into this new year, I am honored to be your AAP President and to dedicate my voice to AAP Philanthropy. I am thrilled to take on this role, as I am passionate about being an AAP member and an AAP donor.

I really believe that those are not two distinct roles, but important choices that are deeply intertwined. I made my first gift to the AAP not long after I became a member. Even in the earliest days of my career as a pediatrician, I could see the tremendous positive impact that AAP had on the health and wellbeing of children and adolescents across our country and the world. That gift opened the door for me to become a regular donor. Something that I am proud and enthusiastic to do. Giving to the Friends of Children fund helps me to know that I am part of a larger effort, supporting inspiring and incredible programs every year -- innovative AAP programs and projects that are helping children across the country and the pediatricians who take care of them.

I appreciate you being a donor, and supporting important child health initiatives. Take a look at this short video to express my personal gratitude:
I invite you to tell us your donor story using this ThankView platform. Why do you give? From a first-hand perspective, what program have you seen benefit from AAP donations? It’s very easy, and takes only a few minutes, to share your donor story right here.*

Thank you for everything that you do! I look forward to sharing a specific program story next month, highlighting your donor impact.

With gratitude,

Lee Savio Beers, MD, FAAP
President

* Donor story videos may be used by AAP Development to express gratitude to donors and for AAP fundraising campaigns.