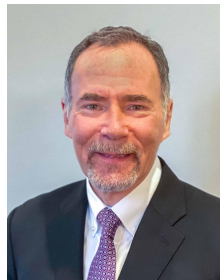




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President's Corner



Dear Friends:

The vision for the Museum of Medicine and Biomedical Discovery began with a simple but powerful question. "Why doesn't a place exist that tells the stories of how scientific discoveries lead to medical breakthroughs that change our lives?"

That idea has been embraced by a growing community of leaders across academia, industry, and patient advocacy: to create a museum that honors not only scientific achievement, but the people and partnerships that make progress possible.

Our goal over the next year is to raise the funds necessary to enable construction of the museum's first exhibit, "Cancer: From Despair to Triumph". Contributions will also help the museum build a network of educators, content creators, and technical experts to ensure that this and future exhibitions are not only accurate and complete but also engaging, enjoyable, and memorable. Your donations will also provide the resources necessary to build out a premier executive leadership team to operationalize this plan.

A second development is that, after considering several potential locations, the board has decided that New York City will be the site for the museum's first exhibit. We are focused on evaluating several prime locations within the city and will share progress with you soon.

Board Profile: Donna Culver



Meet Donna Culver, a founding member of our Board of Directors from Nashville. Donna's more than 30 years' experience in communications includes running her own production company, video production, fund-raising, public relations and social media.

While working at Vanderbilt University Medical Center, Donna helped pioneer the use of storytelling to illuminate the human experience of illness, caregiving, medical discovery, and healing. While scientific discoveries advance medicine, it is through the stories of patients, families, caregivers, and researchers that we understand their true impact.

Donna is a wonderful content creator - she tells stories to achieve goals. She is helping us create a museum that tells the story of medicine and its many discoveries in a creative, memorable manner.

As so like Donna, here's a clever and inspiring poem she penned to describe her vision for the museum. "A Place Where...". It tells you a lot about what

You - our supporters - see the value and impact in what we're trying to accomplish. Thank you. We couldn't have gotten to where we are today without you!

With great appreciation,

Mace Rothenberg, MD
President & Executive Director
Museum of Medicine and Biomedical
Discovery

she envisions the Museum of Medicine and Biomedical Discovery becoming: a place where people can gather in wonder and awe, celebrate how far we've come, imagine what could be, and embrace hope for the future.

A Place Where ...

by Donna Culver



A PLACE WHERE...

I am imagining a place where
people gather in wonder and awe,
Celebrating how far we've come in
medicine and biomedical discoveries,
Grateful for our progress and
embracing hope for the future.

I am imagining a place that brings together the
best museums have to offer ...
the best transformative stories,
the best immersive technologies,
the best interactive, hands-on experiences.
A museum that connects,
wows, and delights young and old.

A place where we get to know
the people behind the science, those who
have dedicated their lives to finding
that one thing that changes everything.
We hear their stories,
find out what fuels their persistence
and determination, their passion.

A place where we get to know
the moms, dads, sisters, brothers,
daughters, and sons who have bravely faced a
life-changing diagnosis with courage,
resilience and optimism.
A journey through fear, hope, and healing,
Every breakthrough opening new possibilities.

I am imagining a place where 10-year-old
Marcus walks into his virtual lab –
a multisensory illusion of being a scientist,
He searches for answers with curiosity,
creativity, and rigor.
He's hooked
Now he knows what he wants to
do when he grows up and it
changes the trajectory of his life –
and potentially millions of others too.

I am imagining the Museum of Medicine & Biomedical
Discovery,
A place where we gather in wonder and awe,
Celebrating how far we've come,
Grateful for our progress,
Embracing hope for the future.

Donna Culver

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