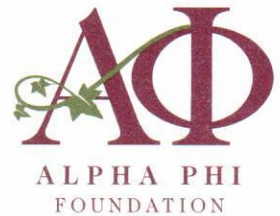


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David Geffen School of Medicine
10833 Le Conte Avenue
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Dear Dr. Kelsey Martin,

We all know heart disease is the number one killer of women here in North America and around the globe. In an effort to help women live longer, healthier lives, Alpha Phi Foundation awards our annual \$100,000 Heart to Heart Grant to an organization making advancements in women's heart health.

For the past 24 years, we have awarded this grant to progressive institutions such as Cleveland Clinic, Texas Heart Institute and the University of Washington. Our recipients lead innovative research studies and educational programs so that health care professionals and women everywhere can learn more about the causes, prevention and treatment of heart disease.

This year we were proud to invest in the Texas Heart Institute as they explore cardiac repair in women at the cellular level by examining the sex differences in blood, bone marrow and stem cells. The results of this study could reveal answers to the many lingering questions related to sex-specific differences in heart disease, which could elevate the efficacy of cell therapies. Lead researcher, Dr. Doris Taylor believes "*Already cells are as good as some drugs. If we optimize them and choose the right cells for the right patient at the right time ... maybe we'll hit the home run.*"

We are both excited about the potential research outcomes of this project and eager to look ahead to our next investment in the fight against heart disease in women.

We are preparing to open the 2018 Heart to Heart Grant application, and as a leader in the field of cardiovascular medicine, I would like to extend an invitation to apply to David Geffen School of Medicine.

The 2018 Heart to Heart Grant application will be available on alphaphifoundation.org on **Friday, September 1**, and the deadline for submission is **Wednesday, November 1** at midnight Central Time.

We look forward to another exciting year for the **\$100,000 Heart to Heart Grant** and hope to see David Geffen School of Medicine among the list of applicants.

Please feel free to reach out with any questions you may have about this year's grant and the application process.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rachel".

Rachel Ray
Program Manager