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### To friends in the community

Though I now spend most of my time as a faculty member at the University of Melbourne School of Medicine, I still have some research activity ongoing at St Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis, Tennessee, where I worked full-time for many years prior to returning to Australia. St Jude is a leading pediatric cancer hospital and research institute that, apart from competitive grant funding, attracts more than \$US 500 million a year in philanthropic donations. That extraordinary public largess contributes massively to the quality of both the clinical and investigative programs within this intellectually outstanding, caring institution.

Along with our own excellent and recently rejuvenated Royal Children's Hospital, St Jude is a member of the global Children's Oncology Group. What is discovered here, and what is found at St Jude, is shared across our small world to feed ultimately into the diagnostic and therapeutic approaches that help catastrophically ill children. That is why I give my enthusiastic and unqualified support to the *Isabella and Marcus Pediatric Brainstem Tumour Fund* that will be used to provide an Endowed Chair and associated research laboratory in Pediatric Oncology at the University of Melbourne. There could be no better target for your benevolence than to support an activity that will help very sick children.

Yours sincerely,



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