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Ms. Molly Rill  
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Dear Molly:

I am writing today to personally thank you for helping organize the Matheny Project to support our Neurological Surgery's Innovation Fund. You have helped raise more than \$6,500 for spinal cord injury research!

I am sure Sandy and Dave are very happy about this accomplishment!

I am committed to making sure you and Sandy know the impact the gifts have made to our program.

With the Matheny Project gifts, we were able to support a summer undergraduate trainee in our laboratory, Sophie Davis. She came to us from Whitman College and is interested in pursuing rural health medicine. She acquired hands-on training in our cutting-edge neuroscience laboratory and gained a new appreciation of pain and the complexities of treating chronic pain. This experience will benefit her greatly in her future medical career. We personally, had the advantage of having a smart, fearless student who asked questions that forced us to think through what we were doing. The work she contributed to will be presented at the annual meeting of the Society for Neuroscience in Washington D.C. in two weeks.

It is critical to have funding to educate the next generation of physicians, as we recognize the need for training in spinal cord injuries. If you have any questions about the giving please feel free to contact Lori Sweeney at 503.494.7455 or [sweeneyl@ohsu.edu](mailto:sweeneyl@ohsu.edu).

Again, thank you for your generous support of the Neurological Surgery's Innovation Fund!

Regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Mary M. Heinricher".

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