To those with the means and vision to bring about a better world,

Cancer is a defining health issue of our time. Globally, 18 million people are diagnosed with cancer every year. And 10 million die from the disease.*

The threat posed by the COVID-19 pandemic required a massive global response. Cancer warrants the same urgency, focus and attention.

By 2040 – just 16 years from now – the number of cancer diagnoses globally is predicted to increase by 50%.* This represents an untold amount of pain and suffering to families across the world. Your help can change that.

As leading representatives of the global scientific and research community, we know we're standing at a tipping point that could transform how we understand and overcome cancer.

Fuelled by advances in AI and technology, the next decade presents a unique opportunity to transform the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of cancer for millions. That's why we've come together to ask you to help accelerate a new golden age of cancer research.

With your support, we could develop new blood tests that detect cancer at an earlier stage. We could develop new algorithms that predict your cancer risk so we can halt cancer before it's already begun. And we could develop new and better treatments for children's and young people's cancers so more young patients survive and do so without debilitating, life-long side effects.

Worldwide, the research and scientific community stands ready to make breakthroughs that are within our reach. But a lack of funding is holding us back.

This will take a united and collective effort. It will take scientists, researchers, clinicians and entrepreneurs working together across disciplines and continents. It will take constant technological innovation. It will take radical thinkers who are determined to fast-track progress. But to make this a reality, we need your help.

Philanthropic support allows us to be bolder and to take ideas from lab to clinic faster. It means we can take risks, challenge, innovate, seize opportunities and capitalise on international collaboration to improve and save millions of lives.

More support means more research.

And more research means less cancer.

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