

To My Dear Friends and Supporters,

When I founded the National Organization for Hearing Research Foundation ("NOHR") in 1988, little did I realize what we would accomplish in the next 26 years! My main goals for NOHR were (and are to this day) to find the preventions, treatments, causes and cures of hearing loss and deafness.

With your help, NOHR has awarded 10 million dollars for 520 grants to researchers, oftentimes providing the critical gap funding needed to keep a researcher in the auditory field.

But, after three decades, I have decided to step down from the daily operation of NOHR and have been searching to find a meaningful way to continue the programs important to me: those of recognizing new, young, talented investigators and funding auditory research.

I am excited to tell you that Johns Hopkins University (Baltimore, MD) has agreed to continue NOHR's mission under the auspices of the Center for Hearing and Balance, administered through the Department of Otolaryngology - Head and Neck Surgery.

With NOHR's remaining resources and any future contributions, The Geraldine Dietz Fox Research Fund will be established as an Endowment at Johns Hopkins University.

The Endowment will provide funds for promising young investigators at Hopkins to apply for grants that will further their work at what could be a turning point in their careers.

The Endowment also allows for the perpetual continuation of the honorary Annual Young Investigator Award, in my name, open to candidates from any Institution in the world. Many of the past winners recognized by this award have become leaders in the auditory field, and they head labs at major universities.

I hope that you will consider redirecting the gifts that you had planned to make to NOHR this year, and in any future years, to the

Johns Hopkins University to support the Geraldine Dietz Fox Endowed Research Fund.

I remain grateful for your support in helping us move toward our mutual goal of defeating hearing loss and deafness. With your renewed involvement, we will continue to make progress together!

With my most sincere and heartfelt thanks, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Geraldine Dietz Fox

P.S.

To make a tax-deductible donation to the Johns Hopkins Department of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery:

Make your check payable to JHU-OHNS and put *Geraldine Dietz Fox Endowed Research Fund* in the check's memo line. Send your check to:
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