2020 Foundation Annual Report: Brenda / Mark intro letter

(220 words)

**Letter from the Foundation President and Board Chair**

**Brenda S. Lee, President**

The University of Toledo Foundation

**Mark Luetke, Chair**

The University of Toledo Foundation Board of Trustees

**Dear friends,**

The University of Toledo is defined by its focus and determination.

In spring 2020, as our campuses and the world responded to the COVID-19 pandemic, that resilience was tested like never before. Our students and faculty quickly adapted to remote models of learning; our clinicians and caregivers worked tirelessly to contain the spread of the virus; and you, our community of supporters and partners, stepped up to ensure that UToledo’s academic mission was not compromised.

While we have not been immune to the economic shocks of 2020, The University of Toledo Foundation remains in a strong financial position to fuel the talent, research and programs that have been improving our world for nearly 150 years. In the following pages, you’ll find stories of how that strength made an impact in 2019-20.

[One highlight of this year’s financial review is the growth in the Foundation’s support of student aid, which rose by XX%. This increase has helped bring better academically prepared students to our campuses, which in turn is leading to record-high graduation and retention rates. **In fact, more than X,XXX deserving students were able to attend UToledo in the last academic year because of this aid.**]

You help make these successes a reality. Thank you for your continued generosity and partnership in our shared vision for a better future.

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