For almost three decades, the Brandywine Health Foundation has proudly served as the southeast regional philanthropic voice for Chester County, allocating over $100 million in grants. Over the years, and in partnership with donors, schools, police, faith-based organizations, healthcare systems, nonprofits, and responsible private sector work, most importantly, our community, we have made great strides in building a resilient healthcare safety net for all, especially those in need of physical and behavioral health and social services.

Over the past two years, the Board and staff of the Foundation have taken stock of the changes that have occurred, and we have examined our history, identifying the strengths, challenges, and narrative we believe will best serve our community in the future. We have identified strategic initiatives and engaged leaders to help us achieve our shared vision.

To realize this broader vision of our community, changes are necessary in how our leaders think, act and work. This means shifting from charity to philanthropy to a more collaborative and collective impact stance. As fundraisers, we need to embrace best practices and our grant partners need to join us in this work.

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Change is hard and sometimes a bit scary, but everything worth doing always is.

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We need to ensure our leaders think, act and work strategically and collaboratively, approaching the work with empathy and intentionality. We need to ensure our leaders and partners think with a community voice at the helm of decisions that matter.

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The Board and staff of the Foundation are excited and ready to embark on this new journey. We have already taken great strides, and we know we can do even more.

To Your Health,
Jason D. Alexander, MPP
Chair, Board of Directors

A Year of Reimagining Health: Moving from Charity to Philanthropy

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