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Dear Mr Sandhu,

On behalf of the British Heart Foundation (BHF), I am delighted to have received your generous donation of  $\pounds 7,500.00$  from the Sandhu Charitable Foundation. Thank you for choosing to support our work and for allowing the BHF to direct your grant to the area of greatest need. As you have considerately acknowledged, unrestricted funds are indeed most challenging to raise but are nevertheless vital for us to continue our life changing work. Please pass on our warmest thanks to all concerned.

This year, the BHF is celebrating its 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary, and all that we have achieved in these six decades would not have been possible without the generosity of charitable trusts and foundations. BHF-funded research has transformed the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of many heart and circulatory diseases. We have helped to halve the annual number of deaths from these devastating conditions in the UK.

Today, there are around 7.6 million people living with heart and circulatory diseases in the UK and cardiovascular healthcare costs are estimated at £9 billion each year. As this burden increases in the context of persistent health inequalities and ever more complex health and care needs, funding pioneering cardiovascular research is vital. By supporting our community of researchers, and nurturing their bold ideas, we will drive innovative solutions to tackle today's and tomorrow's challenges in heart and circulatory disease research.

The COVID-19 pandemic has had a colossal impact on the BHF, presenting significant financial challenges and continued uncertainty. But our resolve to achieve a world free from the fear of heart and circulatory diseases remains unaltered. As we navigate this challenging period, our priority is to protect our research and to support people affected by heart and circulatory conditions, now and beyond the pandemic.

Your continued support at this uncertain time enables us to help all those who need us and ensures we can continue empowering the brightest minds to make scientific discoveries that will save and improve lives. Thank you.

With best wishes,

Kat Brooks
Senior Trusts Executive

