Dear Einstein Community:

As we continue to watch the war in Ukraine unfold, I am reminded once again of the devastation and heartbreak that follows such violence—from everyday Ukrainians taking up arms to resist the invasion and families taking refuge in subways, to the flight of nearly one million refugees streaming into surrounding European countries. The human toll is already too high, and the serious consequences will likely be felt for years, regardless of how soon this conflict is resolved.

With that in mind, I wanted to share with you that Montefiore and Einstein, under the leadership of Dr. Priya Nori, is once again partnering with Afya Foundation, a humanitarian organization that delivers medical supplies to global communities in need. With the Greater New York Hospital Association, we are coordinating a large donation of medical supplies from Montefiore warehouses to assist in their humanitarian efforts in Ukraine; as Dr. Ozuah pointed out in a message sent earlier today, a cargo plane carrying such supplies will soon be in the air. You can also donate directly to our Global Response Fund, which will be given to Afya to support the Ukrainian medical community and refugees.

In addition to Afya, many well-known charities—Médecins Sans Frontières/Doctors Without Borders, UNICEF, the International Committee of the Red Cross, as well as Ukraine-based organizations, such as the National Bank of Ukraine’s fundraising account for humanitarian assistance for Ukrainians—are already working in the region and accepting donations. While Einstein does not endorse or vouch for a specific organization, we encourage you to find one that is right for you and get involved however you can.

Your compassion for those struggling both close to home and around the world is a defining characteristic of the Einstein community. I thank you for channeling this concern into action—whether it’s your work here in the Bronx or beyond in the regional, national, and global communities that we serve.
Sincerely,

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