Dear Einstein Community:

It is with great sadness that I share with you that Michael F. Price, namesake for our campus jewel—the Michael F. Price Center for Genetic and Translational Medicine/Harold and Muriel Block Research Pavilion—died this week. A member of the Einstein Board since 2001, Michael has been a steadfast and devoted friend of the College of Medicine and Montefiore. He also was a champion of public health in the Bronx and beyond. At the time of his death, he was chair of the Board’s investment committee and a member of its executive and finance committees. He was 70.

Michael was president of the Price Family Foundation, which helps young people from groups that have been economically marginalized to reach their fullest potential. It also aims to advance medicine by investing in promising approaches to treating diseases. In 2001, the foundation made what was at the time the largest commitment in the history of the College of Medicine—$25 million—to help establish a state-of-the-art center for genetic and translational medicine. That same year, *Time* magazine named Michael one of the 25 most influential people in America.

The Price Center/Block Research Pavilion was formally dedicated in 2008 and has since played a pivotal role in advancing Einstein’s tradition of scientific collaboration with other institutions worldwide. Michael also was a leading donor to medical innovation, translational research, and community healthcare; he and his family funded numerous pilot projects in pediatrics and cancer research; supported groundbreaking COVID-19 research; and provided operational support for the Children’s Hospital at Montefiore’s HealthySteps Program.
Please join me in offering our sincerest condolences to the entire Price family. We will always be grateful to Michael for his tremendous generosity, wisdom, and leadership. He will be sorely missed.

Sincerely,

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