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Dear Friend of Heart:

Thank you very much for your recent contribution of \$155.92 to the American Heart Association. Heart disease, stroke and other cardiovascular diseases present some of the most formidable healthcare challenges facing our nation. Through your generosity, you have helped us move one step closer to overcoming these challenges.

Here are just a few of things we are doing right now to help save lives:

- We are working to improve the quality of healthcare in medical facilities by creating best practices for clinicians to use when caring for patients with heart disease and stroke. For example, more than **140** hospitals in our Western States region (California, Nevada, and Utah) have implemented our quality improvement program *Get With the Guidelines*.
- We are working with schools, the food industry, pediatricians, parents and kids to help reduce one of our nation's leading long-term health threats – childhood obesity. We seek to help children lead healthy lifestyles by increasing their physical activity levels, improving their access to healthier food, and helping them understand what they can do to make healthy lifestyle choices.
- We are funding life-saving and cutting-edge research. In 2005-06 we were able to fund over **\$17.6 million** for **136** research projects in our Western States Affiliate region. This research can help pave the way for future treatments and preventive measures.

We are also involved in many other initiatives. Like those listed above, they are all designed to help educate, help prevent, help cure, and help save lives. We realize that without people like you, these things simply would not get done. Therefore, we thank you - on behalf of all those who are touched by cardiovascular disease -- for helping us carry on with this vital work!

Sincerely,



P.K. Shah, M.D.
President, Western States Affiliate

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