“We have enormous respect for the work of the Dermatology Foundation, and we wanted to do something special to support its mission,” Mr. Stiefel explains. At the Stiefels' request, these funds will be dedicated to advancing research in autoimmune and/or connective tissue diseases. They hope this will lead to better treatments for these diseases and to an improved understanding of their causes and their association with cancer.

“My primary philanthropic focus has been—and continues to be—cancer research,” Mr. Stiefel notes. This holds deep personal significance for him, because many members of his family have battled cancer. He himself has suffered from two different types of cancer.

Mr. Stiefel’s unwavering support of the DF has long been part of both his private and public lives. He is a member of the Annenberg Circle and Fitzpatrick Legacy Fund, and is the former Chair and CEO of Stiefel Laboratories, a Corporate Honor Society member.

Mr. Stiefel’s dedication to the DF reflects his belief that building the scientific base of dermatology is critically important. “Throughout its 50-year history, the Foundation has played a prominent role in advancing the science and the practice of dermatology,” he says—“and I strongly believe it will continue to do so.”

The DF Trustees extend their deep gratitude to Charles and Daneen Stiefel for their exceptional generosity, their confidence in the Foundation, and their decision to support the future of the specialty.