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Dear Friends,

I want you to know that I have told the Dodge Board of Trustees I would like to serve one more year in the position of President and CEO of the Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation, with their permission and support.

I have loved being at Dodge -- and continue to love being at Dodge. I am blessed with outstanding colleagues on the staff and Board, and my life is immeasurably enriched through knowing so many of you, and the work you do, personally. But by the summer of 2010, I will have been in this job for almost twelve years. I would like to take on some new challenges and want to set a date when I will be available to consider them. With time to conduct a wide-ranging and thoughtful search for my successor, Dodge will no doubt continue its own work in the world unabated and benefit from the infusion of fresh energy, ideas and perspectives that comes with new leadership.

There is a lot to do in the year ahead: strategic planning to keep Dodge as effective as possible with diminished financial resources; continued honing and some expansion of our Technical Assistance offerings; the likely reinvention of the Poetry Festival with new partners; ongoing educational outreach through our website and through our space in the Morristown Parking Authority's new green office building. I plan to be fully involved in all of the above and active in civic life in New Jersey.

So this is not goodbye yet – just news about an upcoming transition at Dodge you should know about. I thank Chairman Rob LeBuhn and the rest of the Dodge Board for their great support now and throughout my years at the Foundation, and I look forward to my ongoing work with them and you in the year ahead.

With best regards,

David Grant
President and CEO