Institute Trustee Stephen Kay endows professorship with $3.3 million campaign gift

For a quarter of a century, Institute Trustee Stephen Kay has helped to govern Dana-Farber, playing a critical part in its landmark achievements and helping to establish its stellar reputation. Now, as the Institute embarks on its comprehensive capital campaign, Mission Possible.

The Dana-Farber Campaign to Conquer Cancer, he has further strengthened that commitment by making a gift of $3.3 million to create and endow the Stephen B. Kay Family Professorship in Medicine at Harvard Medical School and DFCI.

"I think it is incumbent upon people who have been around a long time and have been deeply involved in the Institute to set an example," said Kay. "If we don't make a gift early, why should those on the periphery?"

Kay, a retired senior director of Goldman, Sachs & Co., has been an Institute trustee since 1981, was treasurer of the board of trustees for eight years, now chairs the Investment Committee, and serves on four additional trustee committees, including the Executive and Capital Campaign Committees. In addition to his longstanding support for several Institute initiatives, he has hosted a chamber music concert in his home for the past six years as a fundraiser for the Dana-Farber Marathon Challenge.

Kay sees the campaign as essential to Dana-Farber's future. "Without it, we will not be competitive with other frontline cancer centers around the country," he said. "Dana-Farber..."