



JIMMY CARTER

September 21, 2007

To Dr. Roy Vagelos

Rosalynn joins me in congratulating you on receiving the *2007 Galien Pro Bono Humanum Prize* at the Prix Galien Awards Ceremony. We always have been inspired by your decision, on behalf of Merck & Co., Inc., to donate Mectizan[®] free of charge to all who need it for as long as necessary. Since that time, more than 530 million treatments have been approved for mass distribution to prevent river blindness and more than 160 million treatments have been approved for lymphatic filariasis. Your historic donation has restored the quality of life to countless millions who are affected by these two diseases.

I will never forget our 1994 visit to a community in Chad that was severely affected by river blindness and the relief from suffering and despair that Mectizan[®] offered. Thank you for your innovative thinking and compassion, which have inspired leaders at other pharmaceutical companies who have followed in your footsteps.

In addition, we extend our gratitude to the Prix Galien Award Committee for recognizing Special Honoree and our dear friend, John Moores, for his role in creating the River Blindness Foundation and his support in controlling this debilitating disease. We are grateful to you both for your dedication.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jimmy Carter".

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cc: Prix Galien Award Committee
John Moores