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**“** Dr Doug Ellis OBE (DUniv Honorary Degree 2008), former Chairman of Aston Villa FC  
"I owe my life to cancer research at Birmingham."

**“** Sarah Stanwell, Access to Birmingham Scholar "Receiving this scholarship has allowed me to become the first in my family to go to university. The generosity of alumni means that my life at university has been greatly enhanced, for which I extend my deepest thanks."

**“** Saadiyah Harun (MA Translation Studies, 2007) "My financial worries made it difficult for me to focus on my studies. Thanks to the generosity of alumni, the University was able to offer me a financial lifeline and enable me to complete my studies at Birmingham."

**“** Hannah Shipway, Honey Pot recipient (BNurs Nursing, 2008) "There is increasing competition for nursing jobs in the UK and experience of working and nursing in another culture will set me apart from other applicants. The experience has given me a first-hand opportunity to see healthcare practice in the third world and left me in a position where I would love to return and lend my skills to those who need them the most."

**“** Professor Gurdyal Besra, Bardrick Professor of Physiology and Chemistry "One third of the world's population is infected with TB and we are leading research into more cost-effective treatments that could have a huge benefit for patients in the developing world. Philanthropic funding has been key in allowing us to pursue our goal of revolutionising the treatment of TB."

**“** Dr Eliot Marston, Bupa Translational Research Manager, Centre for Obesity Research "Obesity is the global epidemic of our time and is already overtaking smoking and infectious diseases as the biggest preventable cause of death worldwide. It's only thanks to Bupa's gift that the University was able to create my role, effectively co-ordinating our research across all disciplines to make a real difference in battling this crisis."

**“** Michael Carey, stroke patient "I have visual neglect on my left side as a result of a stroke and am taking part in the University's brain injury rehabilitation research. Since I started coming in to do exercises and be monitored, I don't bang into things on my left side as much as I used to. I love helping out the University and I'm not happy when it's the holidays and I can't come in. I really hope this treatment I'm having is going to help me."