Dear friend of the Social Enterprise Initiative,

With the 2015–16 academic year behind us, we want to take this opportunity to thank you, our remarkable community of supporters. With your energy, generosity, and insights, SEI is making headway educating leaders and influencing practice in the social impact sector. Thank you for your contributions to this work.

This report provides a look back at some of the social impact activities at Chicago Booth that your partnership made possible in the past year.

Your continued generosity and support are critical to our ability to provide students, alumni, and faculty with the tools needed to make an impact on issues ranging from urban development in Minneapolis to social enterprise in Hong Kong.

All the best,

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SEI participated in events on four continents this year, including a discussion on the environment in Hong Kong, a panel on social entrepreneurship in Santiago, a seminar on nonprofit management in Minneapolis, and a talk on impact investing in Zurich.

1995 was the average graduation year of alumni at the new Seminar on Social Impact Career Transitions. A day of workshops aided attendees in positioning themselves for a new career in the social impact sector.

In partnership with the Polsky Center for Entrepreneurship and Innovation and Argonne National Laboratory, SEI now offers workspace at Chicago incubator 1871 to students launching social enterprises or pursuing impact investing.

40+ nonprofits connected with alumni at the Nonprofit Networking Fair at On Board. Among those organizations was VOCEL, an early childhood education nonprofit cofounded by current student Kelly Lambrinatos.
UChicago students, alumni, and faculty and community members attended SEI’s Social Impact Leadership Series talk with Sal Khan, founder of online education site Khan Academy.

Research projects by Booth faculty received funding from SEI. Topics include strategies to increase volunteer retention and the role of youth sports in academic achievement and labor market success.

AccessArc and JoinGiving tied for first place in the 2016 John Edwardson, ’72, Social New Venture Challenge. AccessArc focuses on access to legal services for inmates, and JoinGiving connects nonprofits and small businesses.

In the new Global Social Impact Practicum, students worked with Tata Trusts to explore bamboo as a clean energy source and economic driver. During the course trip to India, students toured an energy plant and visited rural communities without electricity.
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