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Endowed professorships such as this are a critical resource to recruit and retain a distinguished faculty, and they provide distinct honor and recognition for the faculty members who hold them. "This provides a reliable source of funding as we seek to expand our growing transplant program here at Jefferson," says Dr. Doria. "We are all extremely grateful to the Nicoletti family for their generous gift."

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