

## **The Power of Science**

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The power of science is that it has no power without the people that dedicate their lives to it  
That inspire others to search for truths in hidden places  
That pass on interests and spark curiosities to new phases

The power of science is that it has no power without people in rooms like these.  
That seek answers to questions that lead to new discoveries.  
That have proven time over time that there is power in unity

The power of science is that it has no power without you and me  
Because truthseekers need to be listened to, they need to be seen  
There is no power without the researchers that create new possibilities  
That consider sharing knowledge as a great responsibility

This is to all of you who give meaning to the power of science  
Who have their own unique super powers  
This is to all of you research heroes  
That inspire,  
Pass on knowledge,  
Seek answers and work together as a team

This is to all of you that make UMC Utrecht a place that is home to impactful research, game-changing innovations, and pioneering diagnostics and treatments  
It is because of researchers like you that UMC Utrecht is known for its great abilities

This is to all of you that have taken big steps in your own journeys of truth seeking  
From building 3D labs that design and print implants that help patients continue their lives  
To researching stem cell therapy for newborns with brain damage  
From offering remote care for those who need it from the comfort of their own homes  
To improving diagnosis and treatment in women with possible heart disease  
We see you  
We hear you

We empower you

Because the power of science is that it has no power without the people that  
dedicate their lives to it

That inspire others to search for truths in hidden places

That pass on interests and spark curiosities to new phases

And especially on days like these

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these.

That seek answers to questions that lead to new discoveries.

That have proven time over time that there is power in unity

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On this research day

Let us dream

Because it takes just one wild dream of a researcher to open up ways to new  
possibilities.

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Who have their own unique super powers

This is to all of you research heroes

Keep dreaming of a new tomorrow.