Dear Colleagues and Friends:

Each year the Duluth community, along with others across the nation, unites in support of organizations dedicated to helping our neighbors needing assistance. In addition, we support environmental and arts organizations that have a significant impact on our quality of life.

Here at UMD, through our annual community giving campaign, we have a long tradition of generously supporting these fund-raising efforts. As an important part of the UMD community, I am asking you to join me in supporting this year’s campaign as UMD helps the following important organizations:

**Head of the Lakes United Way** focuses on addressing critical needs in Greater Duluth by supporting more than 50 local programs and high-impact initiatives that achieve measurable outcomes and demonstrate results. For additional information access the website [http://hlunitedway.org/](http://hlunitedway.org/).

**United Negro College Fund** provides access to higher education for disadvantaged youth through support of 39 private historically black colleges and universities. For additional information access the website at [https://www.uncf.org/](https://www.uncf.org/).

**Open Your Heart to the Hungry and Homeless** is dedicated solely to alleviating hunger and homelessness. For additional information access the website at [http://www.oyh.org/](http://www.oyh.org/).

**Minnesota Environmental Fund** is a balanced group of 23 organizations with the common goal of maintaining Minnesota’s treasured natural resources through protection, conservation, and restoration. For additional information access the website at [http://mnenvirofund.org/](http://mnenvirofund.org/).

**Community Shares Minnesota** is part of a national network of organizations that connect, fund and raise awareness for community groups fighting for fairness and equality. The United Arts Fund is included in Community Shares Minnesota and is an organization dedicated to raising funds for arts organizations and programs throughout Minnesota. For additional information access the website at [https://www.communitysharesmn.org/](https://www.communitysharesmn.org/).

The enclosed form is available for you to distribute your giving according to your choice(s). It would be sincerely appreciated, if we could have your generous donation by December 13, 2019.

If you have any questions about the UMD Community Giving Campaign, please contact Wendy Larrivy at 218-726-7507 or wlarrivy@d.umn.edu.

Your gift/pledge, whether large or small, will make a significant difference in the lives of people less fortunate. You can help by Continuing Our Tradition of Giving. I am asking for your contribution and thanking you in advance for your generosity.

Sincerely,

Lendley C. Black
Chancellor