



We are all philanthropists

If you are anything like me, you probably receive multiple appeals in the mail every week from deserving charities. I respond to the few that I feel the most passionate about with a small contribution of \$25, \$50 or—once in a while—\$100. While I am happy I can do my part, I don't often feel that what I am doing is really making a difference.

My 16-year-old son and I were talking recently about my work here in the College. When I asked him what he thought I did, he replied, "Well, Mom, you visit rich people." I laughed, but realized that his notion is probably shared by many people, including many of our alumni. And recent mega-gifts by Warren Buffet and other high rollers reinforce the idea that only individuals with enormous wealth can be philanthropists.

While there is no denying the impact of very large gifts, another way to view philanthropy is through the cumulative impact of smaller gifts. Combined, these gifts make a big difference in the lives of our students, faculty, and community partners. This past year, for example, annual gifts—averaging about \$55 per gift and totaling nearly \$200,000—supported scholarships for undergraduates, teacher-licensure students, and students studying abroad. These funds also helped bring visiting scholars to campus, strengthened several outreach programs, and provided funds for a teacher award.

The collective impact of your giving demonstrates that we can all make a difference, no matter what the size of the gift. In the near future, we will be seeking increased participation in our annual giving program. Please consider supporting the work of this College through a gift, large or small. We can all be philanthropists.

For more information on giving to the College of Education and Human Development, please contact the development office at 612-625-1310, or online at education.umn.edu/giving/staff.html.

Lynn Sieper
director of development

New gifts to the College

The **Best Buy Children's Foundation** has given \$145,000 in support of the adventure learning program.

Richard Burbach has made a future commitment through his estate of \$10,000 for the College.

John and Grace Cogan have made a gift of \$12,500 to be added to the John and Grace Cogan Graduate Research Fellowship Fund.

The **Irving Harris Foundation** has made a commitment of \$475,000 to support programs and activities of the Center for Early Childhood Development.

The **McKnight Foundation** has contributed \$35,000 and the **3M Foundation** has contributed \$12,000 in support of CitySongs.

The estate of **Ruth Mitchell** has contributed her bequest to the college in the amount of \$37,200. These funds will be used to support programs in children's literature.

Ruth Osborn has made a future commitment through her estate of \$25,000 to be added to the Promise of Tomorrow Scholarship Fund.

James Patterson has made a gift of \$25,000 in support of the African American Read-In project.

James Sirbasku has made a gift of \$20,000 to support the new UGO! scholarship program.

Alice Thomas has made a gift of \$50,000 to be added to the Burhardt Fellowship Fund.

Ruth and Paul Thomas have given \$10,225 to be added to the Ruth and Paul Thomas Family Education Fellowship.