Dear Friends:

These words from Arthur Ashe, the first African American to win the men’s single title at Wimbledon and the U.S. Open, offer us a thoughtful way to consider the accomplishments of the Eagan Foundation in 2019, as well as a way to think about what lies ahead. We welcome this opportunity to share with you what we have been doing this year to make a difference, all made possible by people like you.

Start where you are...

For almost 30 years, the Eagan Foundation has awarded scholarships to graduating high school students who live or attend school in Eagan. This year 116 high school seniors were awarded $136,450 in scholarships. Our scholarship donors represent the best of Eagan—individuals, local businesses, community organizations, school groups, and family foundations. Over $1.7 million in scholarships have been awarded since 1990. Some of our past scholarship recipients are now scholarship sponsors, building on the tradition of giving back to the community.

Another important way the Eagan Foundation serves our community is grant making to nonprofit organizations, many of which focus on meeting critical community needs, such as shelter and housing, services for at-risk youth, and food and nutrition here in Eagan. This year we awarded $16,000 to 21 nonprofit organizations whose work supports the Foundation’s vision of making Eagan the best place to live, learn, work, and play.

We are proud of how far we have come and are excited to do more. We are starting our 30th year focused on building on success and moving forward with your support.

Use what you have...

We are honored to be the steward of the generosity of local businesses and individuals, who through their contributions make the work of the Eagan Foundation possible. Not only are contributions an essential part of our grants and scholarship programs, they enable other programming that builds connections across the community.

Of course, every nonprofit is also driven by a dedicated group of board members and volunteers. We are no exception and are very fortunate to have generous support from community members and local businesses, committed volunteers and board members, all united around the mission to invest in Eagan’s future with community connections, grants and scholarships.

Do what you can...

The Eagan Foundation continually looks for innovative ways to make a difference. In 2019 we launched three new programs—Youth in Philanthropy, Non-Profit Leadership Training and the Extraordinary Eagan Nonprofit Board Leadership Award—that grew, trained and recognized future and current leaders. Jerri Neddermeyer from Art Works, one of Eagan’s newer nonprofits, received the leadership award at our fall fundraiser.

There are so many ways we can continue to contribute but we need your help. We have ideas and energy but need your continued financial support. Please consider providing a year-end donation so that we can continue to do even more (address below or donate online at www.eaganfoundation.org if you prefer).

Wishing you a peaceful holiday season and all the best in the new year. Thank you for your continued support!

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