

# A Reason to Give

2014 **COMMUNITY FUND DRIVE**  
The University's annual charitable giving campaign

**Jim Larson**, *Facilities Management*

"I give because the needs in our community are so great and the causes so worthy.  
Every contribution to the Community Fund Drive is valued and helps someone nearby."



**Beth Mercer-Taylor**, *Institute on the Environment*

"Giving lets us support nonprofits that work to make the world a better place.  
It matters to me that we give together as part of a community here on the U of M  
Twin Cities campus."

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**Mani Vang,**

*College of Education & Human Development*

“I came to this community as a refugee from Laos and the education I received helped lead me to the success I have today. I give so that other children can have the benefit of a quality education.”



**Sohail Akhavein,**

*Disability Resource Center*

“I give because I believe change starts from within. One person with a drive to see change can start a ripple that will make a large difference and that’s really empowering.”



**Sara Jensen,**

*Agricultural Education*

“With two young kids of my own, I know how important mentorship, loving support, and encouragement are to the development of children. Donating to local youth organizations allows me to impact at-risk youth and invest in their future with my gift.”

# A Tradition of Giving

Since 1931, Twin Cities faculty and staff have generously helped those in need. Gifts to the Community Fund Drive make our community healthier, safer, smarter, cleaner, and more vibrant.

## Find Your Reason to Give

The University partners with six local nonprofit federations: Greater Twin Cities United Way, Minnesota Environmental Fund, Open Your Heart to the Hungry and Homeless, the United Negro College Fund, Community Health Charities, and Community Shares of Minnesota. These federations raise funds for almost 500 Minnesota charities serving our community, and even small gifts have a big impact.

Pledge your support to be entered into weekly and grand prize drawings.

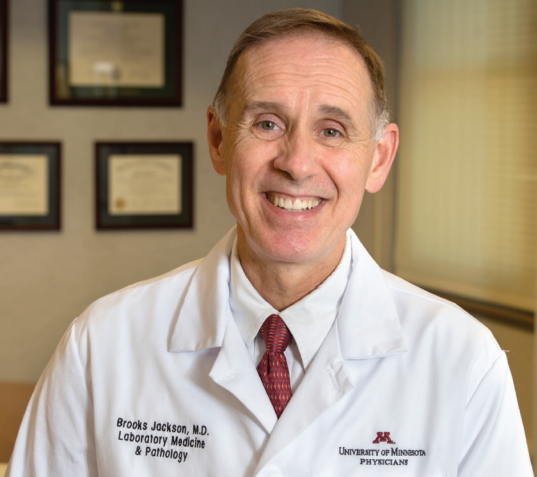
## Giving Online is Safe and Easy

Donating online to the Community Fund Drive is an easy way to improve our community.

Your gift can be deducted from your paycheck automatically.

1. Go to [www.umn.edu/cfd](http://www.umn.edu/cfd) and click “Donate.”
2. Enter your name and employee ID
3. Select the federation(s) or charity of your choice, such as the University of Minnesota Foundation.
4. Choose how often you want to give. One-time gifts will be deducted from the February 4, 2015, paycheck or give a little each pay period for one year starting on January 7, 2015.





## Brooks Jackson, M.D.,

*Dean of the Medical School and  
Vice President for Health Sciences*

“Supporting the Community Fund Drive will benefit many of our patients, our employees, and their families in our local communities. We rely on community support and philanthropy to help us in our work. It is only right that we do our part to help other worthy organizations that are making a difference for Minnesotans. This is one way that we can lead by example, and foster a community of giving.”



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Starting October 1

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