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It seems fitting to end this year by sharing a message from our Rural Enterprise Center program director, Reginaldo (Regi) Haslett-Marroquin:

Dear friends, allies and supporters,

I am reminded during this season how much there is to be thankful for.

This became especially apparent the week of Thanksgiving when my family lost our house. The outpouring of support from the Northfield community and beyond has been overwhelming. How blessed we are to know such generous people and feel the presence of community surrounding us.

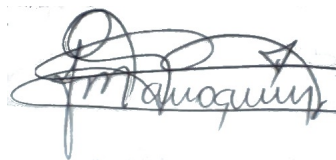
I am also humbled by the work that the Rural Enterprise Center team continues to do on behalf of aspiring Latino farmers.

This fall 21 new agripreneurs graduated from our training program, and moved a step forward in their dreams of supporting their families through farming. Many of them are also hoping to participate in the new incubator program we are working to launch - which means they will receive crucial support for business planning, use of poultry facilities, and access to marketing and financial resources to help ensure their success.

*We have already received generous pledges of support from the Southern Minnesota Initiative foundation (SMIF) and the W.K. Kellogg Foundation, but there is a challenge. **We need to raise another \$25,000 to meet the conditions of the SMIF grant.***

*If you have already donated to the **ONE BIG THING incubator campaign**, thank you very much! If you have not, **I hope you will consider helping the Rural Enterprise Center program reach this \$25,000 goal with a generous donation.** On behalf of Jose, Zenaida, Jaime and many other aspiring farmers, that you for your consideration, and for the support you have already shown.*

Best wishes for this holiday season,



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