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Mayor William H. Droste  
City of Rosemount  
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Dear Mayor Droste,

The grand opening of the Ball Fields at UMore Park today is a celebratory hallmark of the partnership that the City of Rosemount and the University of Minnesota have fostered during the past six years. We have worked jointly on a range of key steps, from the initial vision for development of the 5,000-acre UMore Park property to concept planning to the nearly-completed Alternative Urban Areawide Review.

The opening of the Ball Fields at UMore Park, however, is the first significant and tangible product of our partnership that benefits the public. This amenity helps to meet a need in the community and adds value for the City and for the University – mutual goals that we have as public institutions.

It was in December 2010 that the University’s Board of Regents approved the conveyance of these 27 acres to the City for active recreational purposes as a pre-park dedication. It is rewarding to see the land in use for the enjoyment of children, youth and adults.

I commend the City – particularly the Parks and Recreation Department – and local contributors and supporters for their diligent efforts to create these state of the art ball fields. My colleagues and I at the UMore Development LLC are pleased to have been part of this successful endeavor and look forward to our ongoing partnership opportunities.

With best wishes,

Carla Carlson  
Executive Director

c: Dan Schultz, Director of Parks and Recreation  
Michael O’Keefe, Chair, UMore Development LLC Board of Governors