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Dear Paul:

Thank you for your generous donations to the Turfgrass Research, Outreach and Education endowment. Your gift will help us continue to build our efforts and sustain our research facility well into the future. With the help of you and other turfgrass industry stakeholders we have been able to continue researching important topics that will impact turfgrass managers in Minnesota and beyond, including golf course superintendents, sports turf managers, parks supervisors, sod producers, homeowners, public agencies, seed producers, and the general public.

We will be conducting some exciting research in 2024 that includes:

- Mitigating winter stresses of turfgrass, including how effective heavy fall topdressing is at reducing winter injury on greens
- Identifying effective methods for establishing bee lawns
- Continuing our evaluation of mixtures of tall fescue and Kentucky bluegrass
- Developing low-input turfgrasses that perform well under tree shade
- Evaluating National Turfgrass Evaluation Program trials: creeping bentgrass (greens height), perennial ryegrass, fine fescue (fairway height and lawn height), and Kentucky bluegrass.

These are just some of our ongoing projects. If you would like to learn more about these and other research projects, please visit turf.umn.edu, where we post regular research updates. We are planning to hold field day events once again on campus in 2024 and hope you will be able to visit us.

We appreciate your generosity and support.

Sincerely,



Eric Watkins
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