

# VISION & MISSION

We envision southern Minnesota as a prosperous and growing region with vibrant communities, innovative and successful economies, and engaged and valued citizens. To achieve this vision, Southern Minnesota Initiative Foundation, a regional development and philanthropic organization, fosters economic and community vitality in 20 counties of southern Minnesota through a culture of collaboration and partnership.

### **CATALYST FOR ECONOMIC GROWTH**

- Invested over \$100 million in region since 1986
  - \$43.7 million—programming
  - o \$28.3 million—loans
  - \$28.9 million—grants
- Leveraged \$10 for every \$1 in local contributions
- Regional endowment fund exceeds \$34 million
- Awards \$5 million annually through grants, loans, and program support
- Acts as a regional collaborator

# FOCUS AREAS:

### **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

- Financial Support
- Business Expertise

#### EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT

- Social Emotional Initiatives
- School Readiness Support

### COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

- Community and Designated Funds
- Farmland Retention
- Regional collaborations and convenings

