



GROWING ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY BY SUPPORTING HEALTHIER FOOD SYSTEMS

Jane is an organic farmer from Kenya. She came to the U.S. and, after working in the medical industry for years, sought to employ the organic farming techniques she learned as a child to provide healthy produce for her community.

“I do organic farming. I got it from Africa. My mom used to be an organic farmer. We used no chemicals at all. So when I came to this country, most food, I found out, there’s a lot of chemicals. So I thought I should start my own. So I had small gardens and now I have 3.8 acres in Ogilvie.”

Greater Twin Cities United Way created a food systems grant that enabled farmers like Jane to transport, store and distribute her produce. Pillsbury United Communities is one of the 27 nonprofit partners that received grant funding that worked with Jane to grow as a farmer and a business.

“Growing food for the community has brought me healing.”

Greater Twin Cities United Way is working to fuel lasting change in our current food system. They do this by bringing people together in the food space, listening to community needs and amplifying proven methods of change.

As part of the Black Farmers Coalition, Jane brings the food she grows to Pillsbury United Communities where it is distributed to those who need it through the organization’s food shelves and free community meal programs. **Supporting Greater Twin Cities United Way’s food systems work is part of healing and growing a healthier community for all.**

“I needed to change my lifestyle. So I found somebody who helped me with the farming. So I started farming. And through that farming now my head this good because the food you eat is what makes you who you are.”