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Dear MSGS Member:

The power of our members and funds are what drive MSGS's ability to meet its mission - the management and restoration of sharp-tailed grouse in Minnesota for hunters and non-hunters. Funds are primarily secured from membership fees, donations, and Spring Fling fundraisers. These funds go a long way toward activities such as printing and distribution of newsletters, sponsoring events and trainings that support brushland and habitat conservation, supporting research, matching Conservation Partnership Legacy grants for habitat enhancement, and paying for closing costs on acquisitions that protect brushlands with Outdoor Heritage grants. They are essential to getting our organization's work done.

Now we are exploring a new avenue to raise funds – **Give to the Max Day on Thursday, November 16, 2017!** GiveMN was launched in 2009 as a collaborative venture led by Minnesota Community Foundation and many other organizations committed to helping make our state a better place by helping non-profits and schools. To generate excitement, Give to the Max Day was organized, sparking \$14 million in just 24 hours. Since then, Give to the Max Day has become an annual tradition. Every year thousands of organizations raise money to improve the quality of life in Minnesota and communities around the world.

To give to MSGS, so our good work for sharp-tailed grouse, brushland habitats and their wildlife, clean water and air, biodiversity, outdoor recreation, and people can continue and be even stronger, go to the GiveMN website and MSGS's web page at givemn.org/organization/Minnesota-Sharp-Tailed-Grouse-Society. Look for more promotion of Give to the Max Day on MSGS's website and Facebook. Your dollars will be put to work. We thank you to the max!

Sincerely yours in conservation,

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