

Message from the President – January / February 2010

We all have the power to change lives for the better through our actions, our words and our decisions. There are many opportunities for each of us to make a difference in the world around us – in our own lives and in the lives of others. We can recycle, get involved in a community group or project, coach our children's team, or volunteer to teach literacy skills. We can comfort those who are alone or isolated simply by visiting them or listening. We can decide to make a personal commitment to an issue, and get involved in making positive change. Or, we can simply learn more about an issue so that we can make informed decisions.

The University of Regina tries to make a difference by educating students so they can tackle the complex problems in our world. We are creating new knowledge through our research and sharing that knowledge with others in our community. That's how we create change.

Many people in our University community – our students, staff, faculty and alumni – are trying to make the world a better place. It's clear there are many ways that we can and do make a difference. Often, it's as simple as a smile, an act of kindness, a show of respect, or words of acceptance.

It's the same for our University. Our new strategic plan challenges us to make change in many areas. We are striving to be more welcoming and student-focused. And we need to connect to the issues of today but stay rooted in our history. We, too, want to create a better world through word and action.

How will you make a difference in our world in 2010?