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## NEWS RELEASE

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### **Monsanto Fund announces winners of 2013 Canada’s Farmers Grow Communities program**

#### **\$150,000 in grant money distributed to 60 rural communities across Canada**

**(Winnipeg, MB – Nov. 13, 2013)** – Ever wonder what you would do in your community if you had the opportunity to donate \$2,500 to a favourite local charity or not-for-profit group?

Sixty (60) farmers told the Canada’s Farmers Grow Communities program who they would like to help by nominating rural-based charitable or not-for-profit groups in their communities for a chance to win a \$2,500 grant provided by the Monsanto Fund.

Today, Monsanto Canada released the names of the lucky charitable groups to have their names drawn from the 378 entries in the 2013 Canada’s Farmers Grow Communities program.

“Monsanto is committed to helping farmers grow their communities and improving the lives of rural residents,” said Trish Jordan, public and industry affairs director at Monsanto Canada. “This program allows us to shine the spotlight on farmers and recognize them for the important contributions they make to their communities, not only as farmers but as vital contributors to their community’s overall well-being.”

Now in its second full year (a pilot project ran in 2011 in Eastern Canada), Canada’s Farmers Grow Communities is a program aimed at strengthening rural communities and equipping local charitable and not-for-profit groups with funds to carry out much-needed community work aimed at improving the lives of the rural residents they support and serve.

This year's program generated a number of different ideas from farmers on how local groups in their community could benefit from the grants. Rural-based charitable groups were also much more active in making their needs known using the "Idea Map," an online tool, available at [www.CanadasFarmers.ca](http://www.CanadasFarmers.ca), which allowed them to suggest a cause and find local farmers to support that cause by generating an entry.

Farmers living and working in Quebec, Ontario, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta and Northeastern B.C. had between Jan. 7<sup>th</sup> and Sept 30<sup>th</sup>, 2013 to submit their entries by visiting the Canada's Farmers website and completing an online application form. The winning entries were drawn by board members of the independent administrator, Agriculture in the Classroom – Manitoba, on October 17, 2013 in Winnipeg.

"Monsanto seeks out opportunities to support rural communities and farmers across the country, both in our day-to-day business activities and through our philanthropic outreach," said Jordan. "While most Canadians are aware of the multitude of large, high-profile charitable organizations doing good work to help those who are less fortunate, the same is not always true in smaller, rural communities. The Canada's Farmers Grow Communities program is helping to change that and has quickly become one of our flagship programs."

This year's recipients service a wide variety of community needs from schools, libraries and local theatres to community halls, sport facilities, health/service clubs and daycares.

John Crow, a farmer from Wallaceburg, Ontario nominated his local school and was thrilled to learn that his name was drawn. "This is a great surprise," said John. "Our little school can definitely use the money."

The Monsanto Fund plans to continue the Canada's Farmers Grow Communities program in 2014. Farmers and rural residents can watch for details at winter trade shows and also visit [www.CanadasFarmers.ca](http://www.CanadasFarmers.ca) in January 2014 for further program details.

### **About The Monsanto Fund**

The Monsanto Fund, the philanthropic arm of the Monsanto Company, is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to strengthening the communities where farmers and Monsanto Company employees live and work. You can learn more at [www.monsantofund.org](http://www.monsantofund.org).

Headquartered in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Monsanto Canada Inc. is part of the larger global Monsanto family. Monsanto Company is an agricultural company and a leading global provider of technology-based solutions and agricultural products that improve farm productivity and food quality. Monsanto remains focused on enabling both small-holder and large-scale farmers to produce more from their land while conserving more of our world's natural resources such as water and energy. Learn more about our business and our commitments at [www.monsanto.ca](http://www.monsanto.ca).

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*Editor's Note: A complete listing of all 60 winning entrants, their farmer nominator and their community, is detailed in the attachment to this news release.*

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**Canada's Farmers Grow Communities - 2013 Winners**

**ALBERTA WINNERS**

**Nampa and District Agricultural Society**  
Simon Lavoie, Nampa, AB

**Comité culturel de St-Isidore**  
Laval Bergeron, St. Isidore, AB

**Family Community Support Services (FCSS)**  
Kelly Hudson, Spirit River, AB

**Spirit River and District Agricultural Society**  
Didy Konstapel, Spirit River, AB

**St. Paul Friends of Playschool Society**  
David Jean, Lafond, AB

**Hairy Hill Community Club**  
Barry Soprovich, Hairy Hill, AB

**Association canadienne-française de l'Alberta  
régionale de Centralta**  
Louis Forcade, Legal, AB

**Stony Plain and District Crime Prevention  
Association**  
Glenn Hollands, Stony Plain, AB

**Gladstone Sports Association**  
Terry Pederson, Bawlf, AB

**Bentley and District Agricultural Society**  
Jennifer Johnson, Bentley, AB

**Forestburg Arena Association**  
Rob and Maureen Adams, Forestburg, AB

**Dewberry and District Agricultural Society**  
James Blacklock, Dewberry, AB

**Bentley School Chest Society**  
Eric Hyink, Lacombe, AB

**Clive Public Library**  
Keith Wagner, Lacombe, AB

**Acme Curling Club**  
Kenton Ziegler, Beiseker, AB

**Strathmore and District Christmas Hamper**  
Rhonda Wheeler, Strathmore, AB

**Readymade Community Association**  
Doran Templeton, Coaldale, AB

**Southern Alberta Medic Air Society (HALO)**  
John Crooymans, Bow Island, AB

## SASKATCHEWAN WINNERS

### **Englefeld Recreation Board**

Ken Vidak, Englefeld, SK

### **St. Benedict Arena/Good Timers Rec Hockey Club**

Rudy Martinka, St. Benedict, SK

### **Cut Knife Elks**

Terry Carlton, Baldwinton, SK

### **Maidstone Arena**

Scott Carson, Maidstone, SK

### **Aberdeen Volunteer Fire Department**

Ryan Hamoline, Aberdeen, SK

### **Prince Albert Heavy Horse Committee**

Anna Rybka, Prince Albert, SK

### **Lestock Playground Fund Inc.**

Connie Yasinowski, Lestock, SK

### **Earl Grey Curling and Skating Club**

Stephen Brewster, Earl Grey, SK

### **Ituna and District Curling Rink Inc.**

Dennis Kreway, Ituna, SK

### **Chase Kraynick Memorial Splash Park**

Rachel Kraynick, Canora, SK

### **Strasbourg and Community Recreation Centre**

David Craswell, Strasbourg, SK

### **Davidson Swimming Pool**

Erin Kinder, Davidson, SK

### **Dinsmore and District Economic Development Initiative**

Carol Sawyer, Dinsmore, SK

### **Major Memorial Rink Association Inc.**

Douglas Hoffman, Major, SK

### **Trans Canada Trail Drifters Inc.**

Cory Soloducha, Indian Head, SK

### **Oxbow Health Care Auxiliary**

Dieter Rucks, Oxbow, SK

### **Herbert and District Health Care Auxiliary**

Patti Klassen, Herbert, SK

### **The Van-Pam Swimming Pool Committee**

Darren Erickson, Vanguard, SK

## MANITOBA WINNERS

### **Ste. Rose Splash Park**

Derek Brunel, Ste. Rose du Lac, MB

### **Keystone Pioneers Museum**

Richard Wileman, Russell, MB

### **Rapid City Elementary School**

Ryan Nevin, Rapid City, MB

### **Broken-Beau Historical Society/Pioneer Village Museum Inc.**

Danny Johnson, Beausejour, MB

### **Pilot Mound Millennium Recreation Complex**

Jackie McCannell, Pilot Mound, MB

### **Arrow River Community Hall**

Mac Lelond, Arrow River, MB

### **Tyndall Village Community Centre**

Larry Reske, Beausejour, MB

### **Miami Children's Facility**

Cameron Dyck, Miami, MB

### **Reston and Area Early Learning Centre**

Corey and Krystle Caldwell, Reston, MB

### **Busy Nest Day Care**

Arthur Enns, Morris, MB

## **ONTARIO WINNERS**

**Flos Agricultural Society**  
Spencer Nelson, Elmvale, ON

**Petrolia Community Theatre**  
Warren Graham, Petrolia, ON

**Grand Valley District Community Centre**  
Brian Cook, Grand Valley, ON

**Ecole St. Philippe**  
John Crow, Wallaceburg, ON

**Englehart High School Fund**  
Barry Potter, Earleton, ON

**Merlin Community 4-H Club**  
Margaret Nauta, Merlin, ON

**Friends of Williamstown Park**  
Donald MacLachlan, Williamstown, ON

**Optimist Club of East Oxford – Oxford Centre**  
Brian Armstrong, Woodstock, ON

**Atwood Lions Club**  
Steve Terpstra, Atwood, ON

**Tillsonburg Helping Hand Food Bank**  
Eric Schuurman, Brownsville, ON

## **QUEBEC WINNERS**

**Exposition Ormstown**  
Garry Hamilton, Ormstown, QC

**Howick Volunteer Fire Department**  
Alan Cullen, Howick, QC

**Comité de gestion de l'église**  
Yvon Proulx, Saint-Elphège, QC

**Service incendie**  
Denis Lambert, St-Valérien-de-Milton, QC