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## NEWS RELEASE

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### **Monsanto Fund announces winners of 2016 Canada’s Farmers Grow Communities program**

#### **\$165,000 in grant money distributed to 66 rural charities across Canada**

**(Winnipeg, MB – November 8, 2016)** – What makes life in a rural community better? How about quality healthcare, recreation facilities, emergency services, child care for working families and organizations that help people shine. Thanks to Canadian farmers, 66 charities and non-profits that make life better in small towns across the country will receive \$2,500 grants from the Monsanto Fund as part of the 2016 Canada’s Farmers Grow Communities program.

Each non-profit was nominated by a local farmer who applied on behalf of their favourite cause.

The Canada’s Farmers Grow Communities program received more than 500 entries this year. Winners were drawn by board members of the independent administrator, Agriculture in the Classroom – Manitoba, on October 6, 2016.

“You hear \$2,500 and you might think that’s just a drop in the ocean,” said Kelly Funke, public affairs manager at Monsanto Canada. “What I’ve learned from speaking with farmers and charities across Canada is that this can be a huge amount for some, or even just enough to push a fundraising project to meet its goal. And all because a farmer believed in the cause enough to take action.”

Now in its fifth full year, the Canada’s Farmers Grow Communities program generated a wide variety of ideas from farmers on how local groups in their communities could benefit from the grants. A large

number of rural-based charitable groups also contributed ideas online at [www.CanadasFarmers.ca](http://www.CanadasFarmers.ca), which allowed them to suggest a cause and find local farmers to support it by submitting an entry.

Farmers living and working in the Maritimes, Quebec, Ontario, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta and Northeastern B.C. had from mid-January to the end of September to submit their entries by visiting the Canada's Farmers website and completing an online application form. Farmer Alice Shenderevich of Roblin, MB applied on behalf of the Roblin and District Health Auxiliary, which will be putting its \$2,500 toward purchasing a new blood pressure machine, a device in high demand in their rural hospital.

The Monsanto Fund plans to continue the Canada's Farmers Grow Communities program in 2017. Farmers and rural residents can watch for details at winter trade shows and also visit [www.CanadasFarmers.ca](http://www.CanadasFarmers.ca) in January 2017 for more information.

### **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. Learn more at [www.monsantofund.org](http://www.monsantofund.org).

### **About Monsanto Canada**

Headquartered in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Monsanto Canada Inc. is part of the larger global Monsanto Company. Monsanto is an agricultural company committed to bringing a broad range of solutions to help nourish our growing world. We produce a variety of seeds ranging from fruits and vegetables to key crops – such as corn, soybeans, canola and cotton – that help farmers produce abundant and nutritious food. We work to find sustainable agriculture solutions that help farmers conserve natural resources, use data to improve farming practices, use water and other important resources more efficiently, and protect their crops from pests and disease. Through programs and partnerships, we collaborate with farmers, researchers, nonprofit organizations, universities and others to help tackle some of the world's biggest challenges.

To learn more about Monsanto, please visit: [www.monsanto.ca](http://www.monsanto.ca) or follow us on Twitter @MonsantoCda.

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*Note: A complete listing of all 66 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 - 2016 Winners**

**ALBERTA WINNERS**

<p><b>Hussar &amp; District Agricultural Society</b> Pam Collett, Hussar, AB</p>	<p><b>Standard Community Facility Enhancement Society (Memory Lane)</b> Michael Rasmussen, Standard, AB</p>
<p><b>Wetaskiwin Curling Association</b> Deanne Bye, Wetaskiwin, AB</p>	<p><b>Daysland Public Library</b> Brian Spiller, Daysland, AB</p>
<p><b>Moos on the Moove Dairy 4H Club</b> Bart Bikker, Barrhead, AB</p>	<p><b>Eleanor Hall School Enhancement Society</b> Carrie Ruch, Tawatinaw, AB</p>
<p><b>Sexsmith and District Museum Society</b> Jason Anderson, Sexsmith, AB</p>	<p><b>Eaglesham Volunteer Fire Department</b> Fiona Love, Eaglesham, AB</p>
<p><b>Alberta Birds of Prey Foundation</b> Boston Farms Ltd., Coaldale, AB</p>	<p><b>Vulcan County Health &amp; Wellness Foundation</b> Ron Markert, Vulcan, AB</p>
<p><b>Girouxville Enhancement Committee</b> Alexandra Brochu, Girouxville, AB</p>	<p><b>Fabulas (Falher &amp; Area Beautification &amp; Leisure Activities Society)</b> Selena Sliger, Falher, AB</p>
<p><b>Aspire Special Needs Resource Centre</b> Jennifer Griffin, Red Deer, AB</p>	<p><b>Penhold Fire Department</b> Steven Harris, Penhold, AB</p>
<p><b>Lamont Figure Skating Club</b> Mark Fedyniak, Star, AB</p>	<p><b>Beaver District 4-H</b> Rob Roulston, Bruce, AB</p>
<p><b>3 Cities 4-H Equine Club</b> Chris Adams, Paradise Valley, AB</p>	<p><b>Paradise Valley &amp; Districts Agricultural Society</b> Dean Davidson, Kitscoty, AB</p>

**SASKATCHEWAN WINNERS**

<p><b>Rocanville School Playground</b> Nicki Davis, Rocanville, SK</p>	<p><b>Canora Junior Elementary School Community Council</b> Craig Ostafie, Canora, SK</p>
<p><b>Norquay Ladies' Hospital-Special Care Home Auxiliary Inc.</b> Jordan Vogel, Pelly, SK</p>	<p><b>Lake Lenore Heatwave</b> Kim Moorman, Lake Lenore, SK</p>

<b>Rose Valley Community Spirit Manor</b> Donna Prosko, Rose Valley, SK	<b>Aylsham Volunteer Fire Department</b> Tammy Gray, Aylsham, SK
<b>Zenon Park Community Partners Corporation</b> Denis Marchildon, Zenon Park, SK	<b>Glaslyn &amp; District Recreation Board</b> Joan Booy, Glaslyn, SK
<b>Happy Hearts Childcare Centre Inc.</b> June Schutte, Shellbrook, SK	<b>Weyburn &amp; District United Way</b> Carmen Sterling, Weyburn, SK
<b>MJHA Family Tenant Association</b> Paul Wilder, Moose Jaw, SK	<b>Lakeland Early Learning Co-operative</b> Derek Stroh, Christopher Lake, SK
<b>Hepburn Centennial Bowl</b> Sheldon Willems, Hepburn, SK	<b>Last Mountain Pioneer Home Foundation</b> Terry Fiessel, Bulyea, SK
<b>Strasbourg and Community Recreation Centre</b> Elaine Hack, Strasbourg, SK	<b>Biggar Curling Club</b> Norm de Bussac, Biggar, SK
<b>Small Steps Early Learning Centre</b> Scott Phillips, Outlook, SK	<b>Odessa Fire Fighters</b> Shawn Muhr, Odessa, SK
<b>Oxbow Arts and Cultural Committee</b> Carole Stewart, Oxbow, SK	<b>Mossbank Early Childhood Play &amp; Learning Program</b> Natalie Nagel, Mossbank, SK
<b>Central Butte &amp; District Donor's Choice</b> April Thurlow-Grasdal, Parkbeh, SK	<b>Luseland Arts Council</b> Collin Reiber, Luseland, SK
<b>Tramping Lake Curling Club</b> Chris Volk, Tramping Lake, SK	

### MANITOBA WINNERS

<b>Minnedosa Primary Care Centre Inc.</b> Chris Brown, Minnedosa, MB	<b>Bruxelles Community Development Committee</b> Linda Jonk, Bruxelles, MB
<b>Souris Hillcrest Community Corporation</b> Dustin Williams, Souris, MB	<b>Castleavery Cemetery Fund</b> Marlene Shearer, Dropmore, MB
<b>Roblin &amp; District Health Care Auxiliary</b> Alice Shenderevich, Roblin, MB	<b>Oak Bluff Nursery School Inc.</b> Derek and Erin Erb, Oak Bluff, MB
<b>Portage Industrial Exhibition Association</b> Katlyn Richaud, Portage la Prairie, MB	<b>Roland Pumpkin Fair</b> Jayme Janzen, Plum Coulee, MB
<b>Carman Dufferin Pool Splash Pad</b> Ryler Russell, Carman, MB	

### ONTARIO WINNERS

<b>New Growth Family Centre</b> Cynthia Deen, Alma, ON	<b>Bracebridge Volunteer Firefighters Heritage Museum</b> Dave Nichols, Bracebridge, ON
<b>Admaston/Bromley Public Library</b> Karen Coulas, Cobden, ON	<b>Prince Edward County 4-H</b> Shannon Langridge, Milford, ON
<b>Caledonia Agricultural Society</b> Tom Peart, Caledonia, ON	<b>Embro &amp; Zorra Agricultural Society</b> Marian Sterk, Embro, ON
<b>Station 4 Dover Fire Department Chatham-Kent</b> Rich Gebal, Chatham, ON	<b>Rodney Aldborough Fair Board</b> Melanie Mcleod, Dutton, ON
<b>Friends of the Food Bank</b> Lyle Hendrikx, Strathroy, ON	<b>Huron County Junior Farmers</b> Casey Klaver, Seaforth, ON

### QUEBEC WINNERS

<b>Au coeur des familles agricoles</b> Michel Brouillard, St-Marcel de Richelieu, QC	<b>Pompier St-Patrice de Beaurivage</b> Mario Gagne, St-Patrice de Beaurivage, QC
<b>Huntingdon 4-H Club</b> Stacy Jamieson, Athelstan, QC	<b>Cabi Centre d'action BÉnÉvoles Interaction</b> Carol Vennema, St-Georges-de-Clarenceville, QC

### MARITIMES WINNERS

<b>Rustico Ringette Association</b> Jennifer MacLeod, Breadalbane, PEI	<b>Millvale United Cemetery Company</b> Wendel Purdy, Collingwood, NS
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