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NEWS RELEASE

Monsanto Fund announces winners of 2014 Canada’s Farmers Grow Communities program

\$165,000 in grant money distributed to 66 rural organizations across Canada

(Winnipeg, MB – October 30, 2014) – Communities aren’t made. They’re grown. And who better to help grow a community than a farmer? That’s the idea behind the Canada’s Farmers Grow Communities (CFGC) program, which is providing grants to 66 deserving charities in small towns across the country. Each non-profit was nominated by a local farmer who chose their favourite cause, and each will receive \$2,500 from the Monsanto Fund.

Canada’s Farmers Grow Communities received 433 entries in the 2014 program, up from 378 last year. Winners were drawn by board members of the independent administrator, Agriculture in the Classroom – Manitoba, on October 17, 2014 in Winnipeg.

“The Canada’s Farmers Grow Communities program is one way for Monsanto to help people in rural communities accomplish common goals,” said Trish Jordan, public and industry affairs director at Monsanto Canada. “Farmers have a history of coming together to help their neighbours, and we hope this program highlights that tradition of generosity while also growing stronger rural communities.”

Now in its third 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. In many cases, the rural-based charitable groups also contributed ideas online at 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.

The 2014 recipients service a wide variety of community needs from schools, libraries and local theatres to community halls, sport facilities, health/service clubs and daycares.

For the first time, a dog rescue organization, Valley Mastiff Rescue of La Pêche, QC, is being awarded a grant by Canada's Farmers, thanks to a nomination by Martin Renaud of Green Valley, ON.

"We are very happy that a company like Monsanto has implemented such a beneficial program for charities," said France Turcotte, owner of Valley Mastiff Rescue. "I visit farms often as some of our dogs have been adopted by farmers. We are very grateful that this will help us carry on with our mission."

The Monsanto Fund plans to continue the Canada's Farmers Grow Communities program in 2015. Farmers and rural residents can watch for details at winter trade shows and also visit www.CanadasFarmers.ca in January 2015 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.

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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 - 2014 Winners

ALBERTA/BRITISH COLUMBIA WINNERS

Hanna Girls Pond Hockey
Kevin Bossert, Hanna, AB

Stony Plain & Parkland Pioneer Museum
Leona Mychajlunow, Carvel, AB

Rosalind Volunteer Fire Department Association
Charlie Gould, Rosalind, AB

Elk Point Regional Allied Arts Society
Lynn Osinchuk, Elk Point, AB

Carmangay Curling Club
Daniel Greene, Carmangay, AB

Goodridge Agricultural Society
Joanne Richter, Glendon, AB

Dewberry Hall Society
Gordon Hegedus, Dewberry, AB

Donnelly Recreation Society
Rita Therriault, Donnelly, AB

Bawlf Educational Support Team
Julie Huseby, Ryley, AB

**Falher & Area Beautification & Leisure Activities
Society (FABuLAS)**
Pauline Therriault, Donnelly, AB

Children's Wish Foundation
Mike Jackson, Didsbury, AB

Provost and District Health Service Foundation
Colette Thurston, Irma, AB

Legal Titans 4-H Club
Fred Kieser, Clyde, AB

Rainbow Literacy Society
Kelly Wickstrom, Vulcan, AB

Acadia Valley & District Rec. Club
Jarrod Kuhn, Acadia Valley, AB

Fourth Creek Fitness / Spirit River Active Aging
Carrie Yanishewski, Spirit River, AB

Carseland Public Benefit Club
Teri MacKinnon, Carseland, AB

North Peace 4-H District Council
Rick Kantz, Fort St. John, BC

SASKATCHEWAN WINNERS

Whitewood Action For Families
Donna Beutler, Whitewood, SK

Glaslyn Community Enhancement Project
Jerry Booy, Glaslyn, AB

Osler Volunteer Fire Department
Garry Boldt, Osler, SK

**Fiske Recreational Co-operative
Association Ltd.**
Brenda Cross, Fiske, SK

**Assiniboia Auxiliary for
Long Term Care Homes**
Shirley Derbyshire, Assiniboia, SK

Macklin Curling Club
Kelly Kidd, Macklin, SK

Nokomis Child Care Centre
Donna Edwards, Nokomis, SK

Edenwold Memorial Rink
Kurtis Kramer, Avonhurst, SK

Invermay School Community Council
Kimberly Enge, Invermay, SK

Broadview Historical and Museum Association
Les Kuculym, Broadview, SK

Melfort Minor Football
Lionel Fagnou, Melfort, SK

Dallas Valley Ranch Camp
Jim Latrace, Lumsden, SK

St. Louis Curling Club
Gordon Finnestad, St. Louis, SK

Dinsmore & District Economic Development Inc.
Edith Lytle, Dinsmore, SK

Lashburn Slo Pitch
Kimberley Gareau, Lashburn, SK

Kelvington Swimming Pool Fundraising Committee
Kelsey Robinson, Kelvington, SK

Yorkton Brick Mill Heritage Society Inc.
Blair Harris, Yorkton, SK

Beechy Rec Board
Jodi Schury, Beechy, SK

Paradise Hill Care Home Inc.
Tom Hougham, Frenchman Butte, SK

Porcupine Plain Minor Hockey Association
Kirk Smith, Porcupine Plain, SK

Margo Playground Committee
Lee Johnson, Margo, SK

Imperial & District Ambulance Inc.
Neil Stevenson, Imperial, SK

MANITOBA WINNERS

Thunderhill Ski Club
Harvey Baldwin, Swan River, MB

Miami School Playground Project
Westin Hill, Miami, MB

Souris Glenwood Foundation Inc.
Allison Barclay, Souris, MB

Plumas Elementary School Parent Advisory Council
Keith Koncz, Plumas, MB

Charlie Brown Day Care Centre Inc.
Shelly Brunel, Ste. Rose du Lac, MB

Lakeside Christian School
Art Peters, Killarney, MB

Portage Plains United Way Inc.
Kevin Coubrough, Portage la Prairie, MB

Melita Pool Committee Inc.
Kyle Serruys, Melita, MB

Somerset & Area Fitness Centre
Elaine Gaudet, Somerset, MB

Lac Du Bonnet Regional Library
Tom Zarecki, Lac du Bonnet, MB

ONTARIO WINNERS

Westmeath Recreation Center
Anne Bromley, Westmeath, ON

Burford Agricultural Society
Larry Davis, Burford, ON

Comber Agricultural Society
William Pearson, Comber, ON

Haldimand 4-H Association
Johan Peter, Wellandport, ON

Stuff the Bus
Melody Quenneville, Stoney Point, ON

Valley Mastiff Rescue
Martin Renaud, Green Valley, ON

Royal Canadian Legion Ripley Branch
Bruce Scott, Lucknow, ON

Watford Optimist
Chris Van Loon, Watford, ON

Teeswater Agricultural Society
Peter VanZeeland, Teeswater, ON

Listowel Agricultural Society
Marilyn Whaley, Listowel, ON

QUEBEC WINNERS

Operation enfant soleil
Jean Daviault, St-Liboire, QC

Corporation l'Espoir
Claude Gervais, Sainte-Martine, QC

La Fabrique de l'le Dupas
Linda Lafontaine, La-Visitation-de-l'Île-Dupas, QC

The Friends of Laurentian Elementary School
John McOuat, Saint-André-d'Argenteuil, QC

MARITIMES WINNERS

Medical Fundraising Project for Meghann Palmer
Brent Anderson, Richmond Settlement, NB

Boys & Girls Club of Summerside
Lynden Ellis, Tyne Valley, PEI