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## NEWS RELEASE

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

*58 farmers secure \$2,500 grants from the Monsanto Fund to support charitable causes in their rural communities*

(Winnipeg, MB – November 16, 2012) – The Monsanto Fund ([www.monsantofund.org](http://www.monsantofund.org)) has announced the winners of its Canada’s Farmers Grow Communities program, a program aimed at strengthening rural communities by providing the opportunity for farmers to secure a \$2,500 grant for their favourite community charity or not-for-profit organization.

A total of 58 winners were drawn from over 160 applications received from farmers in Quebec, Ontario, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta and Northeastern B.C. In total, The Monsanto Fund will direct \$145,000 to charitable and not-for-profit groups who are making a difference in the lives of rural residents.

“We are pleased with the response to our first year and look forward to building awareness and having many more farmers nominating groups or projects in their communities,” said Trish Jordan, public and industry affairs director with Monsanto Canada. “We know there are endless needs in many rural communities and who better to give us ideas about how to best allocate these grants, than farmers? We know the grants will be put to good use to help strengthen local programs and services.”

Launched last summer, the program gave farmers across Canada the opportunity to nominate a local charity or not-for-profit group in their community by visiting [www.CanadasFarmers.com](http://www.CanadasFarmers.com) and completing an entry between June 1, 2012 and September 30, 2012. The winners were chosen by random draw on

November 1, 2012. Jordan said the current plan is to continue the Canada's Farmers Grow Communities program in 2013 with the continued support of the Monsanto Fund. Farmers interested in the program can visit [www.canadasfarmers.com](http://www.canadasfarmers.com) for more information.

“Monsanto is fully committed to supporting rural communities and farmers across the country, whether providing them with great products that benefit their farming operation or offering our support to causes that matter to them,” said Trish Jordan, public and industry affairs director with Monsanto Canada. “The Monsanto Fund grants provided to the Canada's Farmers Grow Communities program allow farmers to get actively involved and they are a great complement to our other corporate giving activities in rural Canada.”

The program has also been well-received and appreciated by farmers based on feedback from some of the winners upon learning their charity was selected in the random draw. “This is such great news,” said Daryl Rush of Lockie Farms in Ontario. “Thank you so much for the support in our community. It means so much to us.”

#### **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).

#### **About Monsanto**

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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# **Canada's Farmers Grow Communities - 2012 Winners**

## **ALBERTA WINNERS**

### **Arthritis Society**

Mike Jackson, Didsbury, AB

### **Bashaw Educational Support Team Association**

Gregg Pearson, Bashaw, AB

### **Burdett Volunteer Fire Department**

John Van Tryp, Bow Island, AB

### **Delia Fire Department**

Brian Heck, Delia, AB

### **Friends of Tro-Val**

John Kowalchuck, Trochu, AB

### **LABIS (Lloydminster and Area Brain Injury Society)**

John Stephens, Lloydminster, AB

### **Lavoy Action Society**

David Durie, Vegreville, AB

### **Heritage Agricultural Society**

Keith Porter, Stony Plain, AB

### **Mallaig Agricultural Society and Recreation Association**

Phil Amyotte, Mallaig, AB

### **North 40-mile 4-H Beef Club**

John Croymans, Bow Island, AB

### **Rosalind Agriculture Society**

Adam Enright, Rosalind, AB

### **Spirit Arts Dance Society**

Bobby-Jo Dwernychuk, Spirit River AB

### **St. Paul Education Regional Division #1**

David Yackimec, Beauvallon, AB

### **There's a Heifer in Your Tank**

Chelsea Geiger, Tawatinaw, AB

**Viking School Parent Council – Playground Enhancement Project**

Rebecca and Kevin Carrington, Viking, AB

**SASKATCHEWAN WINNERS**

**ALUS Project**

Robin Nell, Francis, SK

**Arborfield Curling Rink**

Larry LeGrand, Arborfield, SK

**Arcola Daycare Inc.**

Stacy Brownridge, Arcola, SK

**Blaine Lake Community Association**

Alan and Pam Lavoie, Blaine Lake, SK

**Broken Arrow Youth Ranch**

Gerard and Barbara Bergeron, Assiniboia, SK

**Bruno Lions Club**

Kenneth Weiman, Bruno, SK

**Children’s Hospital Foundation of Saskatchewan**

Jamie Lehnert, Landis, SK

**Elrose ABC Family Centre Inc.**

Jeff MacDonald, Elrose, SK

**Farm in the Dell**

Keith Pavo, Saskatoon, SK

**Heart and Stroke Foundation – Paradise Hill**

Allan Furman, Paradise Hill, SK

**Jean Louis Legare Regional Park and Willow Bunch Recreational Association**

Troy Eger, Willow Bunch, SK

**Kelvington and District Health Facility Foundation**

Trevor Robinson, Kelvington, SK

**Lampman Minor Sports**

Blake Fornwald, Lampman, SK

**River Ridge Fish and Game League**

Shane Kraynick, Canora, SK

**Turtleford Library**

Shirley Maloney, Turtleford, SK

**Zenon Park Community Partners**

Guy Chabot, Zeon Park, SK

**MANITOBA WINNERS**

**Binscarth Nursery School**

Sabrina Aitchison, Foxwarren, MB

**Crystal City Early Years School Parent Advisory Council**

Catherine Redpath, Mather, MB

**Elton Community Centre**

David Marvin, Brandon, MB

**Hamiota Playground**

Douglas Caldwell, Kenton, MB

**Happy Thought School**

Brian Chorney, East Selkirk, MB

**Harding Community Club**

Don Baily, Harding, MB

**Inglis and District Community Club**

Duane and Lindy Zimmer, Inglis, MB

**Lorne Wellness Centre Inc.**

Dan Hacault, Swan Lake, MB

**Lowe Farm Community Rink Project**

Peter Falk, Lowe Farm, MB

**Manitoba Agricultural Museum**

Nathan Sims, MacGregor, MB

**Mapleton School**

John Ostermann, St. Andrews, MB

**Miniota Merry 4-Hers**

Nick Young, Miniota, MB

**Minnedosa Regional Event Centre**

Stewart Lewis, Minnedosa, MB

**Roland Agricultural Society – Pumpkin Fair**

William Whitehead, Roland, MB

**ONTARIO WINNERS**

**Autism Dog Services**

Jim and Louise Verhoeven, Wardsville, ON

**Big Brothers and Sisters of Chatham-Kent**

Josh Butler, Croton, ON

**Durham Farm and Rural Family Resources**

Daryl Rush, Zephyr, ON

**Ecole St. Philippe**

Ed Burm, Wallaceburg, ON

**Foundation for Enriching Education**

Karl Terpstra, Bornholm, ON

**Lucknow Kinsmen - Music in the Fields**

Chris Irwin, Lucknow, ON

**Ontario 4-H**

Colleen Acres, Osgoode, ON

**Optimist Club of Kerwood-Adelaide-Metcalf**

MaryAnn Hendrikx, Strahroy, Ontario

**Salvation Army Food Bank**

Dan and Maryann Roswell, Norwich, ON

**SARI Therapeutic Riding**

John Ward, Arva, ON

**Tavistock Royal Reno (Pavillion)**

Ken Wettlaufer, Tavistock, ON

**QUEBEC WINNERS**

**Ormstown Saracens Rugby Club**

Scott Barrington, Howick, QC

**Richmond 4-H**

Stephen Smith, Melbourne, QC