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News Release

Canadian farmers support rural-based charities with support from the Bayer Fund and its Canada's Farmers Grow Communities Program

Calgary, AB. – Nov. 2, 2020 – Fundraising is tough. For rural-based charitable and not-for-profit groups, this may be even more true in light of COVID-19. Many small communities were hit particularly hard as events and get-togethers, crucial to generating support, were cancelled this year.

With the completion of the random draw in the [Canada's Farmers Grow Communities \(CFGC\) program](#), supported by the Bayer Fund, 66 winning charities and not-for-profits were selected to share \$165,000 in funding to strengthen their communities—each receiving a \$2,500 grant to apply to a project or program that will enhance the lives of its rural residents and help grow their community.

“Rural communities across the country and the farm families and residents who keep them strong are critical to our agricultural business,” said Trish Jordan, senior business partner, government and industry affairs with Bayer’s Crop Science division. “We feel fortunate we can offer this timely support and work with farmers across the country to help identify those in need within their communities. There is never a shortage of good causes and we know the money is put to good use for the benefit of many.”

Participation rates have risen considerably over the past several years, which points to both interest among farmers in giving back to their communities, and the significant need among charitable and community groups. First introduced in 2012, the 2020 CFGC program received just over 900 farmer applications and charity suggestions, consistent with year-ago entries.

The program this year received many suggestions from farmers about how local groups in their communities could benefit from the grants, with community improvement projects; fire and health organizations; and recreation and sporting activities garnering the most support.

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.

To read more community stories or gather additional information about Canada's Farmers Grow Communities visit www.canadasfarmers.ca or follow on Twitter [@CanadasFarmers](https://twitter.com/CanadasFarmers).

About Bayer

Bayer is a global enterprise with core competencies in the life science fields of health care and nutrition. Its products and services are designed to benefit people by supporting efforts to overcome the major challenges presented by a growing and aging global population. At the same time, the Group aims to increase its earning power and create value through innovation and growth. Bayer is committed to the principles of sustainable development, and the Bayer brand stands for trust, reliability and quality throughout the world. In fiscal 2018, the Group employed around 117,000 people and had sales of 39.6 billion euros. Capital expenditures amounted to 2.6 billion euros, R&D expenses to 5.2 billion euros.

About Bayer Crop Science Canada

In Canada, Bayer Crop Science offers growers a wide choice of tailored solutions with an integrated product portfolio of crop protection products, seed treatment technologies, plant biotechnology and digital farming solutions. As a top employer in Canada, the Crop Science division employs over 450 people, spanning 22 research, breeding, production and office sites across the country. For more information, visit www.bayer.ca.

About the Bayer Fund

The Bayer Fund is a non-profit organization dedicated to strengthening the communities where Bayer customers and employees live and work by providing funding for food and nutrition, education and community development projects.

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Note: A complete listing of all 66 winning entrants, their farmer nominator and their community, is detailed below.

Canada's Farmers Grow Communities - 2020 Winners

ALBERTA/BC TERRITORIES

Alberta Farm to Food Bank Christina Ebeling, Edmonton	Andrew Agricultural Society Hilda Andrychuk, Andrew
Beiseker Station Museum Donna Hagel, Beiseker	Derwent Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department Simon Noster, Derwent
End of Steel Heritage Museum Janet Petrowich, Hines Creek	Friedenstal Historical Society Ron Heck, Fairview
Friends of George Freeman School Society Larry & Esther McDonald, Ohaton	Friends of The Milo Municipal Library Society Barbara Godkin, Milo
Grassy Lake Community Library Sara Torsius, Grassy Lake	Healthy Families Healthy Futures Don Pearce, Westlock
Huxley Community Association Charlotte Johnson, Wimborne	Rochester Public Library Roger Morey, Rochester
Smith School Parent Lighthouse Foundation Devin Attfield, Smith	Smoky Lake Holubka Dancers Angela Semeniuk, Smoky Lake
Town Of Manning Beautification Leeanne Pharis, Manning	Trochu And District Arboretum Society Debbie Knieval, Trochu
Vibe Mental Health Capacity Building Program Monique Hart, Vermilion	Windy Slopes Health Foundation Mike & Christine Bennink, Pincher Creek

SASKATCHEWAN TERRITORIES

Arborfield Wapiti Library Dana Mutimer, Tisdale	Big River & District Recreation Improvement Association Jelaine Kennedy, Tisdale
Canora Composite School Derek Serdachny, Canora	Clavet Community Arena William Epp, Clavet
Consul Community Hall Cooperative Ltd. Randy & Cindy Genert, Consul	Creative Options Regina (COR) Joe Frank, Fort Qu'Appelle
Estevan Family and Resource Centre Jackie Moneo, Estevan	Foam Lake Daycare Regan Osborne, Foam Lake

<p>Glaslyn Community Arena Sheila Lins, Glaslyn</p>	<p>Hanley/Rosedale Fire Department Darice Carlson, Hawarden</p>
<p>KC Rescue Brent McKinney, Unity</p>	<p>Little Prairie Daycare Bobbi-Jo Connor, Beechy</p>
<p>Melfort Agricultural Society Sharon Heavin, Melfort</p>	<p>Oxbow Arts and Cultural Committee Inc. Carole Stewart, Oxbow</p>
<p>Rose Valley Community Spirit Manor Co-operative Loretta Prevost, Rosetown</p>	<p>Strasbourg and Community Recreation Centre Greg Hill, Duval</p>
<p>Swift Current Minor Girls Softball Dan Runcie, Swift Current</p>	<p>Wadena Van Committee Brad Jones, Wadena</p>
<p>Waldheim And District New Horizons Group Waldemar Janzen, Waldheim</p>	<p>Warman Childcare Centre Courtney Leavins, Warman</p>
<p>Wilkie & District Health Foundation Brian Hawkins, Wilkie</p>	<p>Yellow Grass Minor Hockey Lindsay Watson, Yellow Grass</p>

MANITOBA TERRITORIES

<p>Boissevain Boots 'n Bits 4-H Horse Club Mitch Janssens, Boissevain</p>	<p>Grunthal Caring Hands Food Bank Dave Plett, Kleefeld</p>
<p>Homestead for Hope Shelley Boyes, Glen Ewen</p>	<p>Mather Community Hall Karen Melvin, Mathers</p>
<p>New Beginnings Daycare Inc. Josee Matters, Ochre River</p>	<p>St. Eustache Minor Hockey Andrew Peters, Cartier</p>
<p>Treherne Delahunt Golf & Country Club Len Timmerman, Sinclair</p>	<p>Valley Ag Society Matt Hoffman, Morris</p>
<p>Wade Philip Galloway Learning Centre Jocelyn & Lyle Marchuk, Bowsman</p>	<p>Wasagaming Community Arts John Donogh, Souris</p>

ONTARIO/QUEBEC TERRITORIES

<p style="text-align: center;">541 Eatery & Exchange Brenda Snyder, Caledonia</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Brant Men of Song Larry Davis, Burford</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Châteauguay Valley Régional High School Outdoor Classroom Project Justin Nieuwenhof, Dundee</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Chatham-Kent Hospice Foundation Bethann Vandavelde, Blenheim</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Chez Nelson Café Bistro Yann Collet, St-Denis sur Richelieu</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Club De Patinage Artistique De Beauharnois Brigitte Madlener Nieuwenhof, Dundee</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario Barry Jebb, Cookstown</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Glencoe Agricultural Society Larry Kettlewell, Appin</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Kincardine Township Tiverton Home & School Association Jeff Dykeman, Kincardine</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Les Loisirs De Saint-Gervais Odette Arsenault, St-Gervais</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">North Middlesex Minor Hockey Association Jim Denys, Parkhill</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Orkidstra Cheryl Cooper, Metcalfe</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Renfrew County 4-H Association Agatha Crogie, Douglas</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Rowbust Breast Cancer Survivor Dragon Boat Racing Society Incorporated Diane Cook, London</p>

MARITIMES TERRITORIES

<p style="text-align: center;">Free Spirit Therapeutic Riding Association Julie Gould, Morristown, NS</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Crescent Valley Resource Centre Kingston, NB</p>
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