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# Saline County Farmer Wins \$2,500 for Gypsum Community Library

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GYP SUM, Kan. (April 7, 2011) – Gary Olson of Gypsum, Kan. has been selected as a winner in the America’s Farmers Grow CommunitiesSM program, which gives farmers the opportunity to win \$2,500 for their favorite local nonprofit organizations. The Monsanto Fund sponsors the program, and winning farmers designate a local nonprofit organization to benefit from the donations. Olson has designated Gypsum Community Library to receive the donation.



Olson says he is very excited to have been selected as the winner for Saline County. “I really appreciate Monsanto Fund doing this. I’ve tried to help the library in the past, so they naturally came to my mind when I signed up. This will really help our community.”

Joyce Roe, librarian at Gypsum Community Library, says, “We are very excited and feel honored to be selected as the Saline County recipient. We will use the money to upgrade computer equipment for the library. Any remaining money will go into the fund to replace the carpeting in the library.”

The \$2,500 donation was awarded at a ceremony held at 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 6 at the library.

In more than 1,200 eligible counties, farmers can win \$2,500 for their favorite community non-profit. The Monsanto Fund expects to invest more than \$3 million in local communities. Previous Grow Communities projects resulted in the donation of nearly \$1.2 million in 477 counties in Arkansas, California, Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, North Carolina, Ohio, South Carolina, and South Dakota. In total, more than \$202,000 has been donated to nonprofits in Kansas.

The America’s Farmers Grow Communities program is part of a broad commitment by Monsanto Fund, the philanthropic arm of Monsanto Company, to highlight the important contributions farmers make every day to our society by helping them grow their local communities. To date, more than 60,000 farmers participated in the program, which is designed to benefit nonprofit groups such as ag youth, schools and other civic organizations. Visit www.growcommunities.com to view a complete list of winners.

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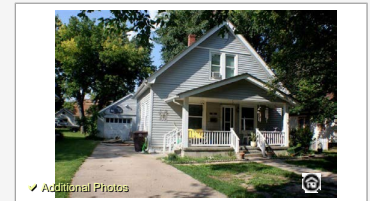
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