



ROCKETS FOUNDATION AWARDED AMERICA'S FARMERS GROW COMMUNITIES DONATION FROM LOCAL WABASH COUNTY FARMER

- **Each year, the America's Farmers Grow Communities program partners with local farmers to provide grants to local nonprofits.**
- **Grow Communities, which is sponsored by the Monsanto Fund, provides farmers the opportunity to support and give back to nonprofit organizations they care about in their local communities by enrolling for a chance to direct a \$2,500 donation to a nonprofit of their choice.**
- **Since 2010, the Grow Communities program has given more than \$29 million to nonprofits across rural America.**

Mt. Carmel, IL (February 2018) – County farmer Brent Strine directed a \$2,500 donation to the Rockets Foundation as part of the [America's Farmers Grow Communities](#) program sponsored by the Monsanto Fund.

As part of their mission, the Rockets Foundation will use the funds to provide the staff and students of St. Mary's Catholic School with the tools they need to excel in education, technology, and athletics and to enhance the modernization of the school. *"We would like to thank Brent Strine for nominating the Rockets Foundation for this grant. The Rockets Foundation is made up of parent volunteers who fundraise all year to benefit the staff and students of St. Mary's School. We appreciate Brent's efforts and the generosity from the America's Farmers Grow Communities grant from Monsanto to help us reach our goals for the school,"* said Clayton Stevens, Rockets Foundation President.

Since the program began in 2010, the Grow Communities program has partnered with farmers to support nonprofit organizations important to them in their local communities. The program has given more than \$29 million to farming communities since its inception, including more than \$3 million in 2018. Each year, farmers enter for a chance to direct a \$2,500 donation to a nonprofit they care about in

their community. The organizations reflect the makeup and character of rural America, including emergency response organizations, schools, youth agriculture programs, food banks and many others.

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“Farmers play a pivotal role in rural communities, and through their commitment to the Grow Communities program, we are able to provide the monetary support these nonprofit organizations need to make an impact,” said Al Mitchell, Monsanto Fund president. “We’re proud to play a part in helping these rural communities grow and thrive.”

To see if a nonprofit in your local community is a 2018 America’s Farmers Grow Communities recipient, visit www.GrowCommunities.com. You can also learn more about the Grow Communities program by checking out Facebook.com/AmericasFarmers.

About America’s Farmers

The America’s Farmers campaign highlights the importance of modern U.S. Agriculture through communications and community outreach programs that partner with farmers to impact rural America. To learn more, visit America’s Farmers at www.AmericasFarmers.com.

About the Monsanto Fund

The Monsanto Fund, the philanthropic arm of Monsanto Company, is a nonprofit organization dedicated to strengthening the communities where farmers and Monsanto Company employees live and work. Visit the Monsanto Fund at www.monsantofund.org.

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