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HELP BY VOTING FOR A SALINE 4-H GRANT

America's Farmers Grow Communities Project allows farmers to select their favorite non-profit organization to receive \$2,500 within their county. The new program, sponsored by the Monsanto Fund, is to support local farming communities. The program allows farmers to register to win \$2,500 for their favorite community charity. It only takes about five minutes to apply for those farmers residing in one of 298 eligible counties in California, Kansas, Nebraska, North Carolina, Ohio, South Carolina and South Dakota. There are 71 counties in Nebraska eligible including Saline and surrounding counties.

It would be great if you would vote for 4-H this year when you register on the Internet, however, you can also have a single vote for other worthy causes such as FFA, fire departments, community centers and schools.

The process is very simple where farmers spend 2-3 minutes on the growcommunities.com website and enter their name and preferred organization. No purchase is required and it's simply a way for producers to give back to local communities. You must be 21 years old and farm a minimum of 250 acres of corn or soybeans to participate, one entry per qualified person.

The direct link to register an entry is www.monsantofund.org/growcommunities/apply. It doesn't matter if you planted Monsanto seed this year or not. The program is designed for farmers to register an entry for their county that they reside in. The information you provide on the website (name, city, state, county and phone number) cannot be used for any other purpose other than the grant entry for your county.

If farmers do not register, there is no grant to anyone in that county. That would be a bad deal, so make sure and vote today! The more votes a single organization gets, the greater the chance (more tickets in the hat). The grants are randomly selected, per county, and the program or voting will run from May 1 through August 31, 2010.

For each eligible county with at least one entry, Monsanto will award one \$2,500 grant, to be awarded to the winner's charity of choice and to be used to improve local communities and organizations in the county where the winner resides.

The more votes 4-H receives, the better chance Saline County 4-H has to win \$2,500 for community improvement projects.

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