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ROCK COUNTY FARMER DIRECTS AMERICA'S FARMERS GROW COMMUNITIES DONATION TO CLINTON PUBLIC LIBRARY

- **The America's Farmers Grow Communities program, sponsored by Bayer Fund, partners with farmers to provide grants to local nonprofits to help their communities.**
- **Through the program, farmers enroll for the chance to direct a \$2,500 donation to a local eligible nonprofit organization of their choice.**
- **The America's Farmers programs have given more than \$57 million to rural America since 2010.**

CLINTON, Wis. – July 28, 2020 – Local farmers Anita and Robert Wildermuth recently directed a \$2,500 [America's Farmers Grow Communities](https://www.americasfarmers.com/grow-communities/) donation, sponsored by Bayer Fund, to Clinton Public Library. Clinton Public Library will use the funds to help meet their ever-growing demand for programming, collections, meeting, and study space.

“This grant means a lot to our community and we're so thankful Anita [Wildermuth] directed the funds to our organization. The library is a very popular place for residents of all ages and this puts us a little closer to being able to provide the space and services our community deserves,” said library director Mary Bieber.

Wildermuth was on vacation, sitting down to lunch at her favorite Albuquerque, New Mexico restaurant when she received the call informing her she won the grant. “I was delighted when I found out we'd won,” said Wildermuth. “When I was growing up, I went to the library after school almost every day”. Wildermuth admitted to being torn between two organizations when she applied for this grant and ultimately chose the library because it would help the whole community. She's already planning on applying for another Farmers Grow Communities Grant to help another local organization. Wildermuth made sure to mention applications for 2021 grants open in a couple of days – August 1, 2020, and other local farmers can apply too. (<https://www.americasfarmers.com/grow-communities/>)

Since 2010, the America's Farmers programs have awarded more than \$57 million to nonprofits, aspiring ag students and public schools across rural America. Farmers know the needs of their communities best, so the America's Farmers programs rely on them to help identify the most worthy causes.

The Grow Communities program partners with farmers across the country to provide nonprofit organizations with resources to strengthen their local communities. Each August, farmers can enter for the chance to direct a \$2,500 Grow Communities donation to a local eligible nonprofit of their choice. Farmers have directed donations to food banks, emergency response organizations, schools, youth agriculture programs, and many others that reflect the spirit and support the vibrancy of rural America.

“Farmers truly understand the needs of their communities and where the opportunities to strengthen them exist. We partner with them to identify the nonprofit organizations that benefit from Grow Communities donations,” said Al Mitchell, Bayer Fund president. “Each donation shines a light on the organizations that are making a positive difference in rural communities across the country. Bayer Fund is proud to partner with farmers to give back in rural America.”

To learn how you can be an America’s Farmers Grow Communities recipient, visit www.AmericasFarmers.com. The America’s Farmers Grow Communities 2021 program will kick off on August 1, 2020, and farmers will once again have the opportunity to enroll for a chance to direct a donation to a local eligible nonprofit of their choice.

About America’s Farmers

America’s Farmers, sponsored by Bayer Fund, is focused on strengthening rural America through three community outreach programs that partner with farmers to make an impact in communities where farmers live and work. The programs have given more than \$57 million to rural America since 2010 and include:

- America’s Farmers Grow Communities supports rural communities by allowing farmers the opportunity to direct a \$2,500 donation to their favorite local nonprofit organization.
- America’s Farmers Grow Rural Education supports rural education by providing \$15,000 merit-based grants to enhance STEM education.
- America’s Farmers Grow Ag Leaders supports students pursuing ag-related studies by offering \$1,500 scholarships towards higher education.

To learn more, visit America’s Farmers at www.AmericasFarmers.com.

About Bayer Fund

Bayer Fund is a nonprofit 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.

About Clinton Public Library

Clinton Public Library opens doors for curious minds, nurtures learning and creativity, enriches lives, and creates opportunities by bringing people and ideas together.

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