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Local Farmer Directs “America’s Farmers Grow Communities” Donation to Monroe County 4-H Program

- Each year, the America's Farmers Grow Communities program partners with local farmers to provide grants to local nonprofits.
- Sponsored by the Bayer Fund, the program 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 America's Farmers Grow Communities program has given more than \$33 million to over 8,000 nonprofits across rural America.

Eighth-generation Spencerport farmer Sarah Colby directed \$2,500 to Cornell Cooperative Extension of Monroe County's 4-H Program through the America's Farmers Grow Communities program, sponsored by the Bayer Fund. As part of their mission, Monroe County 4-H will use the funds to promote agricultural awareness to the youth of Monroe County.

Celebrating its 10th year, America's Farmers Grow Communities partners with farmers to support nonprofit organizations strengthening rural communities. The program offers farmers the chance to direct a \$2,500 donation to a nonprofit of their choice. It has awarded more than \$33 million to over 8,000 nonprofits across rural America.

“A better life is Bayer's goal. Farmers are invested in their communities, they root for their neighbors, and they know when and where there is a need,” said Al Mitchell, Vice President Corporate Engagement, Bayer. “Farmers are one of America's best resources, which is why Grow Communities partners with them to direct donations to the organizations they are passionate about and that make a positive impact and a better life in communities.”

To learn more about 4-H Agricultural Science, agricultural literacy, and Ag in the Classroom opportunities in Monroe County, please contact Susan Coyle, 4-H Program Leader at smc226@cornell.edu.

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To learn more about the America's Farmers Grow Communities program, visit www.AmericasFarmers.com or follow on Facebook at facebook.com/AmericasFarmers.



Susan Coyle (left) & Theresa Lippa (center) of CCE-Monroe and farmer Sarah Colby of Colby Homestead Farm with award.

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About America's Farmers

Started in 2010, the America's Farmers programs, sponsored by the Bayer Fund, a philanthropic arm of Bayer, have been dedicated to partnering with farmers to strengthen rural communities. The programs provide funding for ag scholarships, nonprofit donations and school STEM grants. Since inception the fund has awarded over \$50 million to rural communities. For more information visit AmericasFarmers.com.

About the Bayer Fund

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

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