



EARLY COUNTY FARMER DIRECTS AMERICA'S FARMERS GROW COMMUNITIES DONATION TO EARLY COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT

- **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.**

Blakely, Ga., 08/18/2020 – Local farmer Steve Ellis recently directed a \$2,500 [America's Farmers Grow Communities](#) donation, sponsored by Bayer Fund, to Early County Fire Department.

Early County Fire Department will allocate the funds toward an upgrade of the communications system utilized by the Early County Fire Department.

“These funds will be applied toward the Fire communication system and help cover a portion of the total cost of the system. As a Volunteer Agency, this donation will allow us the ability to provide our Volunteers with equipment necessary to do their Job to provide protection for the Citizens of Early County. We are very grateful to Steve for thinking of our Department and understanding the need.” said, Anthony Gentry, Fire Chief, Early County Fire Department.

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 community's 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.