



Center holding the \$5,000 check from America's Farmers Grow Communities is Pastor Frank Pons Dir. of Mission of Love Food Bank with some of his volunteers

Bayer Fund and Mission of Love Food Bank in Northampton County Team Up With Farmers To Direct Donations To Rural Nonprofits And Schools

By Michael Ortoski

(BANGOR PA.) August 30th 2022- Jeff Brewer, owner of Brewer Farms in Lower Mt. Bethel Township Bangor Pa was the winning farmer in Northampton County, to direct \$5,000 from America's Farmers Grow Communities donation, sponsored by Bayer Fund to Mission of Love Food Bank.

America's Farmers Grow Communities donation to Mission of Love Food Bank will be used to help build a new building (40' X 60') and become the Slate Belt Food Hub.

"We are so thankful for this donation, and it came at the right time" said Pastor Frank Dir. of Mission of Love. "We are starting a \$300,000 expansion at our location to become the 'Food Hub' of the Slate Belt with the help of Northampton County."

In 2022, Bayer Fund revamped America's Farmers Grow Communities program, making it easier for farmers across the country to find and fund the organizations and institutions that keep their communities thriving. This included doubling the individual donations to \$5,000, up from \$2,500 in previous years to provide a greater impact to local rural communities.

For more than a decade, Grow Communities has partnered with farmers to direct funds to programs and organizations that contribute to their communities' health and vibrancy, such as food banks, schools and youth agriculture programs. Since the America's Farmers programs began in 2010, the initiatives have awarded nearly \$65 million to such programs.

"Each year we hear from several nonprofit and school leaders, as well as farmers, about the ways Grow Communities has made a difference," said Al Mitchell, Bayer Fund president.

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.



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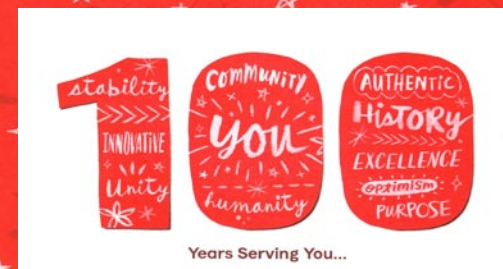
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