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Ag for Life Presents Outstanding Agriculture Teacher Award at 10th Annual Harvest Gala

Calgary, AB – Agriculture for Life (Ag for Life) proudly hosted its 10th annual Harvest Gala on Oct. 27, 2023. The evening was dedicated to celebrating Alberta agriculture and the remarkable individuals who tirelessly contribute to the industry. This year, the event introduced the Outstanding Agriculture Teacher Award, highlighting the dedication of educators in advancing agriculture education.

Steven Schultz, a passionate educator at Lacombe Composite High School, received the inaugural Outstanding Agriculture Teacher Award. Schultz's innovative teaching methods, passion and commitment have inspired students to explore the world of agriculture, motivating them to consider careers in this vital industry. At the event, Schultz was joined by four of his exceptional students. His ability to ignite a love for agriculture in the classroom was evident through his students' enthusiasm.

Under Schultz's leadership, Lacombe Composite High School launched a range of impactful initiatives, including the EcoVision Club in 2016. This brought forth diverse agricultural programs like a greenhouse garden where students learn hands-on about sustainable growing practises. Other programs include working with an aquaponic system, hydroponic system, urban gardening, food forest creation, Indigenous plant education and farm-to-cafeteria efforts where students actively contribute to the cafeteria by sourcing food from the school garden.

“We take great pleasure in presenting the Outstanding Agriculture Teacher Award to Steven Schultz, recognizing his extraordinary commitment to shaping the future of agriculture through education,” says Luree Williamson, CEO, Ag for Life. “Schultz's passion and dedication have significantly influenced students, preparing them for important roles within the agriculture industry.”

“I was honoured to receive the Outstanding Agricultural Teacher Award with my students present, as they are the inspiration behind my agricultural programs,” says Schultz. “Thank you to Ag for Life for promoting agriculture education, providing resources to all teachers and for taking the time to recognize the good work my students and I are doing around agricultural and

environmental education. We hope this award inspires other teachers and students to start this incredible journey around food.”

Ag for Life is committed to celebrating educators like Schultz and plans to continue presenting the Outstanding Agriculture Teacher Award annually, aiming to honour more exceptional educators. Additionally, a new Outstanding Agriculture Volunteer Award will be introduced next year to recognize individuals supporting agriculture education and community engagement.

About Ag for Life

Ag for Life (Agriculture for Life) has the mandate to deliver educational programming designed to improve rural and farm safety while building public understanding around the agricultural industry.

Ag for Life is made possible through the funding and commitment of companies that employ almost 20,000 people in more than 350 Alberta communities. Founding Members include AdFarm, Glacier FarmMedia, Nutrien, Rocky Mountain Equipment and UFA Co-operative Limited. Find out more at agricultureforlife.ca.

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