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South Dakota FFA Foundation Awards \$2,000 in Grants for Local FFA Chapter Service Learning Projects

The FFA motto all FFA members learn includes the words, " *Living to Serve*", making service a core value taught to SD's over 6,000 high school Agriculture Education students through their FFA participation. With state educational budgets becoming tighter all the time, FFA chapters are forced to choose in which worthwhile activities they can still participate. Sometimes that means service projects do not happen. The SD FFA Foundation recognizes the value of local chapter service learning projects, and wants to enable Agriculture Education programs to focus on student and community development. As a result, the SD FFA Foundation started a program providing up to \$500/chapter for service projects in their local communities. SD FFA Executive Director, Gerri Ann Eide says, "We want to grow community leaders for tomorrow by encouraging FFA members to take an active role in the betterment of their communities, and find pride in the communities at the same time. These are valuable educational activities that impact agriculture education students for a lifetime."

Congratulations to the following chapter projects receiving SD FFA Foundation funds this fall for their service projects:

Sunshine Bible – construct school playset for K-12

Lennox-Sundstrom – construct educational "Path to Nature" with walking path, benches and information

Madison- Farm safety camp

Hitchcock-Tulare – community aluminum can recycling bin/building

These grants were made possible, as a special project of the SD FFA Foundation. For more information about the South Dakota FFA Foundation and South Dakota's FFA programs, visit www.sdfafoundation.org.

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Providing support for a broad range of incentive, leadership, and citizenship programs for every local FFA Chapter in South Dakota.