



FARM SHOW DIRECTORS DONATE TO WORTHY CAUSES

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During their recent April meeting, the Ottawa Valley Seed Growers distributed more than \$40,000 to agricultural and community causes. The funds are raised through the annual Ottawa Valley Farm Show, held this year March 10-12.

Directors topped up their annual donation to the Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario to \$10,000, one of the largest amounts they've ever given. Most of the money was raised through the Prestigious Pedigreed Seed Sale held during the farm show.

They gave a total of \$26,000 to various agricultural research projects covering everything from a herbicides on oats study, to pest monitoring and plot preparation. They set aside \$2,000 for the Regional 4-H Show coming up in October as part of the Metcalfe Fair; they confirmed \$400 for a student bursary at Alfred College; and they renewed several \$300 grants for regional 4-H clubs and agricultural societies with educational programs.

“Much of the money we make through the show goes right back into supporting rural and agricultural improvements across Eastern Ontario,” explained Seed Growers president John Roosendaal. “Our organization supports field research in particular because not much is being conducted in the area anymore.”

In other business, directors discussed participation in several upcoming events, including the Vintage Iron & Traditions Steam and Machinery Show at the Cumberland Museum May 24, the Mayor's Rural Expo and Food Aid Day June 4 at Ottawa City Hall, and the International Plowing Match at Finch Sept. 22-26.

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