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Farming for Health Committee Announces \$107,595 raised in 2020

The Farming for Health committee is pleased to announce that \$107,595 was raised during the 2020 crop year. Co-chairs Larry Hilworth and Al Mitchell presented a cheque to Ross Fisher of The Health Foundation. The funds will be used to purchase: an Ortho Gel workstation, a blood gas & carboxyhemoglobin analyzer with interface and a platelet incubator and agitator for the Lab; a stretcher for Day Surgery; hemodialysis chairs; a vaccine/medication fridge for the Operating Room; and, an end tidal CO2 monitor for intensive care.

"This is a project that all of the participants believe in," said Larry Hilworth, Co-Chair of the Committee. "There is a lot of work to farming this land; all of the businesses involved set aside their own business for a period of time to donate time, equipment or product to make this project successful. This project is a success because the people involved care and want to see the project succeed."

"This project is possible because the City of Yorkton donates the land. The city allows us to lease the land for four years at a time at no charge. Providing us the land for several years at a time allows us to plan, and organize our efforts in the most efficient manner," said Al Mitchell.

"This cheque we are presenting today is from the efforts of several businesses and individuals who believe in giving back to their community. Everyone working on this project understands we all have to work to make our communities better places to live work and raise our families," continued Mr. Hilworth.

Members of the Farming for Health Committee are: Pattison Agriculture; Rocky Mountain Equipment; Mazer Group; Agratactics Agronomy; Miccar Aerial; Louis Dreyfus Company; Legacy Co-operative; and, Assiniboine Valley Transfer (AVT). In addition to these businesses there are a number of individuals and businesses that participate and contribute in the project.

This was the eighth year for the Farming for Health project. The committee reached their goal of setting aside \$1million for a new hospital in 2017; since then proceeds are used to purchase specific medical equipment that will enhance our local healthcare right away. In total Farming for Health has raised \$1,478,183 for our local healthcare.

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