

News Release

Growing Home with BASF 2026 winners announced

■ **BASF to distribute \$160,000 to 12 organizations making an impact in rural Canadian communities**

CALGARY, ALBERTA, April 28, 2026 – BASF Agricultural Solutions Canada (BASF) is proud to announce the 2026 winners of the Growing Home with BASF program, an annual community-giving program dedicated to strengthening rural Canadian communities.

After tallying over 30,000 votes, the program is set to “grow home” once again – supporting organizations that play a vital role in bringing people together and helping rural communities thrive.

This year’s program received an incredible 572 nominations from across Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, and Ontario. From those nominations, 12 finalist organizations were selected and advanced to the public voting stage. During the voting period, organizations rallied their communities and sought support across Canada in an effort to bring home the first-place prize. Through the Growing Home with BASF program, first place organizations will receive \$25,000, second place organizations will receive \$10,000, and third place organizations will receive \$5,000.

The following organizations were voted as this year’s winners:

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Alberta

1st – Trochu Seniors Housing Society

2nd – Battle River Ag Society

3rd – Athabasca District Agriculture Society

Saskatchewan

1st – Line 19 Childcare Centre

2nd – Villa Marie Assisted Living Board

3rd – Town of Pense Beautification Committee

Manitoba

1st – Shamrock Centre

2nd – Springfield Agricultural Society

3rd – Woodlands Park 150 Inc.

Ontario

1st – Petrolia Community Refrigerator

2nd – Norwich District Curling Club

3rd – 1st Beamsville Scouting

“Rural communities are the cornerstone of Canadian agriculture, and the organizations recognized through Growing Home with BASF play an incredible role in keeping them strong and connected,” said Andrea McConnell, Head of Customer Solutions at BASF. “Giving back to rural communities in the ways that our customers want is important to BASF. These organizations are chosen by our customers through the nomination and voting process. By design through this program, we empower our customers to tell us where our support is most needed and valued.”

Now in its fourth year, Growing Home with BASF reflects the company’s commitment to supporting places and people who do the biggest job on Earth.

“We’re proud to stand alongside our grower and retail partners to support the local organizations that encourage rural resilience among the people and places at the heart of Canadian Agriculture,” McConnell added.

To learn more about Growing Home with BASF and find information on the winning organizations, please visit agsolutions.ca/growinghome.

Growing Home with BASF 2026 Winner Testimonials:

"We are honoured to be one of the winners of the Growing Home with BASF contest for 2026. This prize is a huge boost for our community, bringing us closer to achieving our goal. BASF has worked alongside our farming community to ensure our Town of Trochu continues to thrive. Seniors from our area and beyond will have a much-needed modern new home. Many jobs will be created now and for years to come. We cannot begin to express our gratitude to BASF, our agricultural community, our families, and friends who have supported us and will continue to support us." - **Trochu Seniors Housing Society**

“We are incredibly excited to be selected as the BASF Growing Home Grant recipient for 2026. The voting process was not only fun, but it also brought meaningful awareness to our project, with our community rallying behind us. This support means so much to our team. The \$25,000 prize will help accelerate the construction of our new 48 space licensed childcare centre. Our centre will be a modern facility designed to provide safe, reliable, and affordable care for families in our region. We are forever grateful to BASF for investing in communities like ours.” - **Line 19 Childcare Centre**

“We are truly honoured to be selected as one of this year’s recipients of the Growing Home with BASF contest. This funding provides a critical opportunity to carry out much-needed repairs to our ice plant—work that is essential to sustaining and strengthening our operations. With these improvements, we can continue to offer youth and adults in our community access to the programs, events, and activities they value most. We are deeply grateful for the incredible support shown by our community throughout the campaign; this achievement would not have been possible without it.” - **Shamrock Centre**

“It is an honor to be nominated, and selected by BASF, and receive votes (of support) from the people of our community (and beyond). Placing first is a measure of the importance of providing free food to those in our community that face food insecurity. The PCR is an inclusive, respectful and discreet place but only possible through the generosity of the community and charitable giving from caring organizations like BASF. The voting process was a unique way to promote the charitable donation from BASF and create tremendous public interest. The impact to our community is huge. It takes about a pound of food to provide an adult a meal and we value that pound of food at \$4.00, so the funds will provide the equivalent of **6,250 meals**. Participating in the Growing Home with BASF program builds community excitement, encourages participation, and creates a sense of pride for the Petrolia Community Refrigerator and the community of Petrolia” - **Petrolia Community Refrigerator**

About BASF’s Agricultural Solutions division

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