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The Farm Safety Centre is a community based organization led by farmers and ranchers with an interest in helping things go right for all individuals in rural Alberta. The centre began a farm safety educational effort called Safety Smarts in 1998.

The program has been delivered continuously since then and is now offered province wide by a team of regional instructors. Rural children across the province receive farm safety presentations in their individual school classrooms each school year. Since 1998 Safety Smarts learning and engagement has involved 732,914 elementary school aged children.

A recent program evaluation indicated that more than 85% of the rural children reached by Safety Smarts are remembering farm safety messages year to year. The evaluation also found that review materials sent home with these rural children are an important bridge to their parents.

The 2019-2020 school year is the 22nd consecutive year of Safety Smarts delivery. The generosity of many continues to make this unique farm safety extension effort possible. We are grateful for each and every dollar donated in support of the important outreach of our charitable organization. A complete 2018-2019 Safety Smarts report is enclosed with this letter, if you have donated to support the program. The complete report can also be found on our website: abfarmsafety.com

With the start of this 2019-2020 school year, we are again inviting Towns & Villages to help out. An annual contribution of \$100 from 200 + Towns/Villages would allow delivery to 4,000 + students this school year. This amount is just 1/5 of what dozens of Hutterite Colonies provide each year to support continued on-colony program delivery to their children.

If this request just will not fit within your budget, we ask you to consider other rural champions in your community who may be interested in lending a hand and donating a modest amount. In our current regulatory focused environment, it seems that family farms and the individuals on them are being somewhat forgotten. Let's look after our own and together sustain this successful farm safety initiative for another 20+ years!

As a charity registered with Canada Revenue Agency, we are able to issue charitable tax receipts for all donations.

We express heartfelt thanks to Town and Villages who are consistent and generous contributors. Their consistency is essential to the sustainability of Safety Smarts. In 2018 more than 290 entities of all types helped fund Safety Smarts.

We would be pleased to provide additional information, upon request. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Laura Nelson
Executive Director
Farm Safety Centre

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