



Co-op donates \$50,000 for Horticultural and Animal Therapy programs

(MONTH DAY, 2020) For six years, Co-op has been helping to build places for everyone – including new funding for a local school division in Lacombe, Alta.

This year, Co-op is providing \$50,000 for *Roofs 4 Kids*, a project that will fund a baby goat barn with a living roof top garden to help bring horticultural programs to the school and local college, while providing produce for community programs. An animal therapy program will also be introduced to help students and community members reduce stress and anxiety.

“I can’t wait to have baby goats and a roof top garden next year because of the exciting educational opportunities it will bring to our school and community” said Taylor Perez, a grade 11 EcoVision leader from Lacombe Composite High School.

Co-op Community Spaces has been developed to help protect, beautify and improve spaces across Western Canada. In 2020, the program is providing \$1 million to 17 community projects from Vancouver Island to Manitoba. Since 2015, Co-op has donated \$9.5 million to 132 projects.

“We’re excited to help fund the Roofs 4 Kids project through Co-op Community Spaces. Investing in our community is a value of our Co-op, and we’re proud to be part of this program that’s investing in projects to improve communities across Western Canada,” said Rodney Perigny, Chief Executive Officer of Central Alberta Co-op.

“We’re happy to partner with community groups on projects like this. Together, we’re helping to build in and improve our communities for today and into the future.”

The giving program is administered by Federated Co-operatives Limited on behalf of more than 160 independent retail co-operatives across Western Canada that form the Co-operative Retailing System.

For more information about Co-op Community Spaces or to view the complete list of 2020 funding recipients, visit www.communityspaces.ca.

About Central Alberta Co-op Ltd.

Central Alberta Co-op has grown to become an established business with more than 700 Team Members serving more than 80,000 members. With 42 locations in ten communities across central Alberta, members and customers are served at food stores, agro/petroleum locations, home centres, cardlock, pharmacies, liquor stores and gas bars with convenience stores. Since 2016, Central Alberta Co-op has returned more than \$14.5 million to its members in cash back and equity, while contributing over \$1M to community organizations and initiatives.

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