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Silent Auction Proceeds Donated to BC Agriculture in the Classroom Foundation

ABBOTSFORD, BC – December 5, 2017: All proceeds from the BC Agri-Food Industry Gala’s silent auction will be donated to the BC Agriculture in the Classroom Foundation announced BC Agriculture Council Chair, Stan Vander Waal today.

BC Agriculture in the Classroom Foundation is a non-profit charitable organization that works to bring BC’s agriculture to over half a million teachers and students around the province. The Foundation helps students gain an appreciation for where food is grown or raised and an understanding of BC agriculture from farm to table.

"On behalf of BC Agriculture in the Classroom, we would like to thank BC Agriculture Council (BCAC) for supporting us and our efforts to cultivate and grow the work of the Foundation," says Pat Tonn, BC AITC Executive Director. Many students are generations away from the land and understanding the value of agriculture. These proceeds will further our commitment to build awareness about BC agriculture through programs, projects and resources for teachers that focus on the agriculture story from the farm to the table."

The Foundation works with many partners, ranging from farmers, to teachers, industry organizations, and government to develop and deliver quality resources and agriculture programs for schools. We hope you can support us in our goals toward agricultural literacy.

Taking place on January 24, 2018 in Abbotsford, BC the Agri-Food Industry Gala is an annual fundraising event hosted by BCAC. The Gala brings together farmers, ranchers, agri-food leaders and supporting industry stakeholders from around the province to celebrate agriculture in British Columbia. This sell-out event welcomes nearly 500 guests each year, successfully making the Agri-Food Industry Gala British Columbia’s premier agricultural networking event.

"The Board is thrilled to be donating this year’s silent auction proceeds to such an excellent cause, and one that means so much to agriculture as a whole," says BCAC Chair, Stan Vander Waal. "The funds will raise money to further their mission to working to bring BC's agriculture to students and we're delighted to be part of that."

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