



SEED GROWERS DISTRIBUTE AWARDS TO 4-H, CHEO

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So far this year, the Ottawa Valley Seed Growers Association has awarded close to \$10,000 to Eastern Ontario 4-H activities both as prize money and as program funding.

The cash will be distributed according to decisions taken by OVSGA directors at a recent meeting which served as a post-mortem for the Ottawa Valley Farm Show which the association hosted at Lansdowne Park in March.

Much of the proceeds from the successful annual non-profit show are returned to the agricultural community through various grants to worthy organizations such as 4-H which receives free exhibit space, as well as booth curtaining and carpets, through the OVSGA.

Following from the 2010 Farm Show, \$2,800 was awarded in 4-H project prize money; \$1,500 was allocated to the Regional 4-H Show to be held at Metcalfe Fair; \$200 each will be given to 4-H in 11 eastern counties for general development; each county with a field crops club will get an extra \$250; teen farmer competitions at two fairs will receive \$300 each; and the 4-H component at this year's Central Canada Exhibition will get \$750.

The association's support of young people doesn't end there: Returns from the annual Prestigious Pedigreed Seed sale held at the Farm Show have been topped up for a total contribution of \$5,000 to CHEO, bringing the total raised over the past several years to \$90,000.

Also awarded support at the meeting were two regional Soil and Crop associations with \$500 each.

"We consider it part of our mandate to support these organizations which do so much for the agricultural community," said OVSGA president Jim Arbuckle. "We see it as particularly important to help the young 4-H participants who we hope will be following in our footsteps."

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