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Parma FFA chapter to receive a \$22,000 donation

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Nampa, Idaho-based Valley Wide Cooperative, and benevolence partner Arden Hills, Minnesota-based cooperative Land O'Lakes, came together to donate \$22,000 to the Parma FFA Chapter. The money will be used to help build a greenhouse at Parma High School (Idaho) that will provide years of engaging education around plants and horticulture.

Agricultural education prepares students for successful careers and a lifetime of informed choices in the global agriculture, food, fiber and natural resources systems. Through agricultural education, students are provided opportunities for leadership development, personal growth and career success. Agricultural education instruction is delivered through three major components:

- Classroom/Laboratory instruction (contextual learning)
- Supervised Agricultural Experience programs (work-based learning)
- Student leadership organizations, like FFA

Plants grown in the greenhouse are sold in the Spring to raise money for chapter activities. Some chapters raise up to \$15,000 each Spring and those funds pay for lab supplies, study materials, FFA jackets, conference registration fees, and more.

Janine Johnson, Parma FFA chapter advisor, said of the donation “We are so thankful to be receiving this donation towards building a greenhouse that will grow and develop our plant science program.”



Pictured: Carly Weaver (Valley Wide Cooperative Communications Specialist), Parma FFA Chapter President, Parma FFA Chapter Vice President, and Ms. Janine Johnson (Parma FFA Chapter Advisor)

Since 1920, Valley Wide Cooperative has been helping farmers and ranchers build their homes and businesses through dedication and expertise. Valley Wide Cooperative engages in every community they do business in and helps to cultivate and strengthen the current and upcoming generation of ag and industry leaders.

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