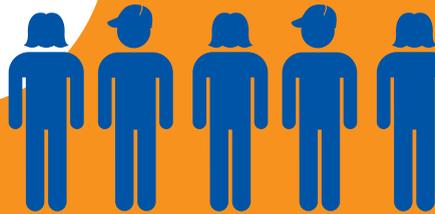


# 2021 CHS Stewardship Report

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# Progress on 3-Year Goals



CHS Stewardship is enthusiastically working toward our 2021–2023 impact goals by creating connections with cooperatives and organizations to strengthen agriculture in meaningful ways.

In 2021, CHS Stewardship invested \$8.6 million toward these goals. This report celebrates some of the ways we helped inspire tomorrow's leaders, enrich communities and empower the ag industry.

## CHS Community Giving



**135**

rural communities received matching grants

2023 Goal: 250



**12,640**

youth learned lifesaving safety and health lessons

2023 Goal: 30,000



**17,900**

volunteer hours reported

2023 Goal: 20% increase

## CHS Foundation



**15,355**

students enlightened about ag careers

2023 Goal: 25,000



**5,540**

students educated about co-ops

2023 Goal: 12,000



**64,420**

future ag leaders supported

2023 Goal: 125,000



# Community Giving

At CHS, we create connections to empower agriculture. In 2021, CHS Community Giving demonstrated our cooperative spirit by uplifting hometown communities for lasting success. Our investments matched cooperative contributions to local projects, advanced ag safety and motivated employees to participate in volunteer activities.

## Volunteerism

Employees receive paid time off every year to volunteer as a team or support their personal causes. In 2021, employees used their hours to clean up highways, assist local youth organizations, stock food shelves and more.

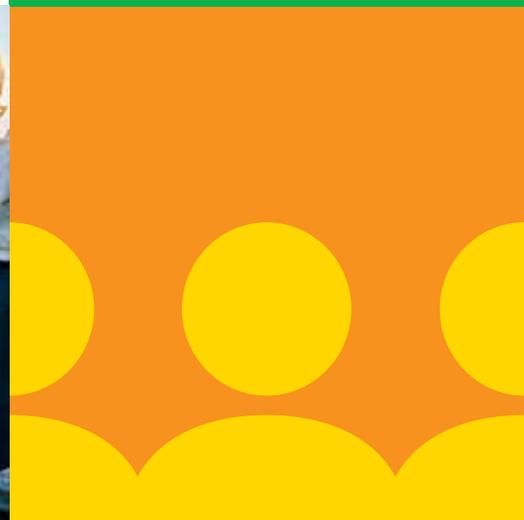
## Crucial Safety Lessons

A long-time partner of the Progressive Agriculture Foundation, CHS provides funds and volunteers to teach kids ages 4 to 12 valuable ag safety and health lessons. In 2021, that included piloting a new classroom component of the safety day program.

**“A large percentage of the kids participating in our safety demonstrations either live on farms or have relatives that farm,” says Jesse Bushelle, safety specialist, CHS Northland Grain, Crookston, Minn. “The older kids ask more in-depth questions and share personal stories about situations they’ve experienced.”**



**29,950 kids**  
attended safety days since 2019  
as a result of CHS support



## Seeds for Stewardship Grants

CHS Seeds for Stewardship grants match cooperative contributions up to \$5,000 for projects in their local community. The Melrose (Minn.) High School FFA plot is one example.

**“The plot is a valuable outdoor extension of my classroom full of real-life examples,”** says Megan Seifert, agricultural instructor and FFA advisor. **“It’s eye-opening for our students who aren’t from farm families to see all the work that goes into growing our food supply. We’re very appreciative of our local co-op and CHS for bringing this fantastic opportunity to our school.”**

**77 grants**

awarded to member co-ops

## Backyard Giving Grants

In 2021, CHS awarded \$45,000 to nine nonprofit organizations to support basic needs services and agricultural education in the Twin Cities.

## AgriSafe Network

Supported by a CHS gift, Invest in Your Health training modules from AgriSafe prepare teachers, FFA instructors, employers and parents to inform young people about common hazards associated with agriculture. AgriSafe also trains health care providers about the dangers associated with farming, suicide prevention and mental health screening questions to ask when treating farmers.

**“There’s tremendous stress among farm families and ranchers,”** says Natalie Roy, executive director of AgriSafe. **“CHS has been instrumental in helping us respond to emerging health threats and pressures.”**



**550**

students trained

**75**

nurses supported



# CHS Foundation

The CHS Foundation continued to cultivate ag leaders for life through high-impact university, ag leadership and cooperative education projects. On behalf of the farmers and cooperatives that own CHS, the CHS Foundation is helping to create opportunities for more students and invigorate ag education.

## Co-op Education

The CHS Foundation partnered with Discovery Education to create a free cooperative education curriculum for students. Through virtual learning experiences featuring CHS farmer-owners and cooperative employees, high school students are immersed in the collaborative spirit of the cooperative business model.

**\$722,000**

awarded to 20 co-op education programs

## Agriculture Future of America

From sponsoring collegiate students to attend the Agriculture Future of America (AFA) Leaders Conference to strengthening AFA ambassador, diversity and mentoring programs, the CHS Foundation helps accelerate leadership development.

**1,828 students**

impacted

## University Funding

To help colleges and their students dive deeper into timely topics, the CHS Foundation supported six precision agriculture programs in 2021.

**“A degree in precision agriculture combines my love of agronomy with the chance to work with my hands,” says Rosalyn Madsen, precision ag student at South Dakota State University. “Plus, the technology is definitely where everything is headed, which makes it exciting.”**

**\$3.1 million**

invested in precision agriculture

**23,000 students**

benefitted since 2017



## National Ag in the Classroom

The 50 teachers who attended the National Agriculture in the Classroom Conference through CHS Foundation scholarships plan to engage their K-12 students in new lessons about ethanol production, plant pollination, vermiculture and other agricultural subjects.



**1,010 teachers**

involved

**36,565 students**

enriched



## MANRRS

More than 100 minority students in agriculture, natural resources and related sciences were empowered as future leaders with help from our 2021 support of the MANRRS organization.

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about the impact and value  
of our stewardship work.**



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