



**Our vision:**

**No child would become ill, injured or die from farm, ranch and rural activities.**

**Our mission:**

**Provide education, training and resources to make farm, ranch and rural life safer and healthier for children and their communities.**

**Sponsor Spotlight**

**PAF Welcomes Enbridge as a New \$100,000 Sponsor for 2016**

The Progressive Agriculture Foundation is pleased to announce a new partnership with Enbridge Inc., a Canadian company recognized as a leader in the safe and reliable delivery of energy in North America for more than 65 years. Enbridge, Inc. joined as a 5-star sponsor of the Progressive Agriculture Safety Day® program in 2016.



Enbridge has been ranked on the Global 100 Most Sustainable Corporations index for the past seven years. Enbridge is the world's longest crude oil and liquids transportation system across Canada and the U.S., and has a significant and growing involvement in natural gas gathering, transmission and midstream business, as well as an increasing involvement in power transmission.

"Safety is at the core of everything we do at Enbridge. Through this partnership, we'll be working with a leader in ag-education to reach out to our neighbors across North America. We look forward to bringing our pipeline safety message to rural communities, in particular the next generation of farmers." Michael Koby, Vice President of Safety and Operational Reliability, Enbridge

For more about our new partnership with Enbridge [click here](#).

**Bernard Geschke Named Farm Credit 100 Fresh Perspectives Honoree**

On March 15th, Farm Credit announced their 100 Fresh Perspectives Honorees during a National Ag Day event in Washington, D.C. The Progressive Agriculture Foundation is



extremely proud to announce PAF Program Specialist, Bernard Geschke, was among the honorees.

The Farm Credit 100 Fresh Perspective program was a nationwide search to identify and honor 100 leaders who are changing rural communities and agriculture for the better. The search took place between July and December 2015, and netted more than 1,000 nominations

from all 50 states. The Farm Credit 100 Fresh Perspectives program is the cornerstone of Farm Credit's 100th anniversary of supporting rural communities and agriculture.

Honorees were selected in one of 10 categories. Bernard was recognized as a leader and visionary for agriculture education and community impact. For the full announcement [click here](#).

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### TransCanada Increases their Support in 2016

The Progressive Agriculture Foundation is excited to announce that TransCanada has increased their support to \$100,000 becoming a 5-star Sponsor for 2016. The partnership between the Progressive Agriculture Foundation and TransCanada will allow more than 8,000 kids learn hands-on safety and health education through the Progressive Agriculture Safety Day® program.



"Over the past four years, TransCanada has been a supporter of the Progressive Agriculture Safety Day® program and we are excited to increase our support this year to help make communities safer," says Jeanette Dame, USA Community Partnership Advisor for TransCanada. "The safety of our children and their families is important to us. We want to ensure the younger members of our communities know about pipelines and other underground utilities - where they are, what they do and how to stay safe around them - and this program does great work in enforcing that safety messaging." TransCanada has also strengthened their partnership with the Progressive Agriculture Foundation by creating a new Underground Utilities module to be introduced this year for use at Progressive Agriculture Safety Days®.



**TransCanada**

For more about TransCanada's commitment to safety [click here](#).

Coordinator Corner

### PAF Concludes Safety Day Coordinator Training Season

Beginning in mid-October of 2015 and concluding in late-February of 2016, 44 training sessions were presented for Progressive Agriculture Safety Day® Coordinators throughout North America. A variety of 2-day trainings for new coordinators in their first or second year with the program, along with 1-day trainings and webinars offered for our experience volunteers serving as a coordinator for three or more years. One of the highlights for 2016 was the Destination Training held at a resort in Cancun, Mexico. This special training that is funded by the individual coordinators is only offered every other year

and has been a favorite of many.

During training, coordinators shared in various discussions about Safety Day planning and were treated to new promotional videos, resources and a fun-filled Jeopardy game. For 2016, 375 lead and 112 assistant coordinators were trained.

The Progressive Agriculture Foundation would like to extend a very special thank you to these wonderful program trainers, who volunteered their time so we could offer more training locations for coordinators:

- Glen Blahey, Canadian Agricultural Safety Association (CASA). Glen is a past PAF Board Member.
- Jana Davidson, Education Content Specialist for the Progressive Agriculture Foundation
- Julie & Scott Ferry, Safety Day Coordinators. Julie was a past PAF Board President representing Nelson-Griggs Health Unit.
- Bernard Geschke, Program Specialist for the Progressive Agriculture Foundation
- Shari & Dave Kuther, Safety Day Coordinators. Shari was a past PAF Board Member representing St. Mary's Hospital.
- Dan Neenan, Safety Day Coordinator. Dan is the current PAF Board Secretary/Treasurer representing the National Education Center for Agricultural Safety (NECAS)
- Crystal Smith, Safety Day Coordinator. Crystal is a current PAF Board Member representing North Carolina Cooperative Extension.

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### **The BRANDT Foundation Strengthens Partnership with PAF**

From joining as a new partner last year to their commitment of increased support in 2016, the BRANDT Foundation will continue to help provide the resources needed to keep children safer and healthier on farms, ranches and at home.

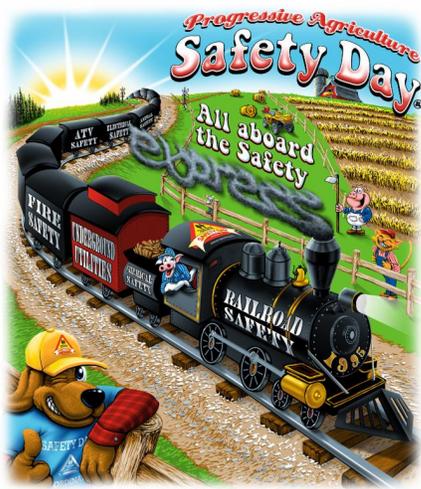


The BRANDT Foundation, the charitable giving arm of BRANDT Consolidated, Inc. As a leading agricultural Company, BRANDT consists of three divisions: Specialty Formulations, Retail Agronomy and Dealer Support - serving growers around the globe. Founded in 1953, their mission is to provide meaningful assistance and support to the communities, farms and families where BRANDT has facilities.

For more about, visit [www.thebrandtfoundation.org](http://www.thebrandtfoundation.org)

### **2016 Progressive Agriculture Safety Day® T-shirt Design**

Thanks to our generous supporters, the Progressive Agriculture Safety Day® program has grown to be recognized as the largest rural safety and health education program for children in North America. To date, more than 1.4 million children and adults have been impacted by the program and we are on track to increase that number by more than 100,000 participants and



volunteers in 2016.

In addition to taking home life-saving safety messages and resources at the Safety Days, participants LOVE receiving a one-of-a-kind t-shirt. Here is the reveal at our 2016 T-shirt Design. We are committed to sustaining human life by preventing injuries and fatalities. We will once again be doing our part to get everyone "**All Aboard the Safety Express**" in 2016.

## Safety Tip - Chemical Look-a-Likes

For young children that cannot read labels, many products around the home can look like popular candy or drinks. Even products that can be good for you, like vitamins and medicines, can become harmful if you do not follow the label directions. In the U.S., poisoning is now the leading cause of unintentional injury death, and nearly 9 out of 10 poisoning deaths are caused by drugs according to the National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS). In 2012, unintentional poisonings were the leading cause of injury death in the U.S. surpassing motor vehicle crashes.



Learn more about chemical safety and common look-a-likes in our recent blog post, "Can Your Child Spot the Difference? Look-a-Like Poisons Pose Dangers to Young Children," at <http://progressiveagsafetydays.wordpress.com/>

For more safety tips, be sure to stay connected with us via social media:

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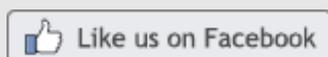
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