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### **CHS Inc. & CHS Foundation Strengthen Partnership with the Progressive Agriculture Foundation**

**BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (June 9, 2016)** — This year alone, the CHS Foundation will help more than 8,000 kids learn about safety and health education by becoming a 5-star sponsor of the Progressive Agriculture Safety Day<sup>®</sup> program for 2016. The CHS Foundation is the major giving entity of CHS Inc., the nation's leading farmer-owned cooperative.

“CHS and the CHS Foundation are committed to making the agriculture industry safer for today's producers and the next generation of those working in agriculture and rural communities,” says Linda Tank, senior vice president, CHS Communications and Public Affairs. “We are proud to expand our partnership with the Progressive Agriculture Foundation<sup>®</sup> and support their efforts in making rural life safer for children.”

Safe children and safe communities are important to CHS and the CHS Foundation. Over the past 16 years, CHS has shown its commitment to safety in rural communities by supporting the Progressive Agriculture Safety Day program. With their 2016 contribution, CHS and the CHS Foundation have contributed more than \$680,000 towards helping keep kids safe in rural communities with the Progressive Agriculture Safety Day program. At \$12 per child, CHS and CHS Foundation have helped more than 56,000 kids learn life-saving safety and health lessons.

“Our success in keeping children safe and healthy in rural communities is due in large part to our partners,” says Susan Reynolds-Porter, chief executive officer of the Progressive Agriculture Foundation. “With continued support from CHS, we are able to further our mission by providing the education, training and resources necessary to conduct Progressive Agriculture Safety Days for local children.”

CHS is a leading global agribusiness owned by farmers, ranchers and cooperatives across the United States. The CHS Foundation is the major giving entity of CHS. As a part of the CHS stewardship focus, the CHS Foundation supports education and leadership programs that invest in the future of agriculture, cooperative business and rural America. Visit [www.chsinc.com](http://www.chsinc.com) for more on CHS and the CHS Foundation.

Donations to the Progressive Agriculture Foundation help fund the Progressive Agriculture Safety Day program. These events teach children about potential hazards around the home, ranch or farm and encourage them to adopt new safety practices through hands-on activities. Last year, more than 100,000 children and adults participated in a Progressive Agriculture Foundation sponsored Safety Day. For more information about the Progressive Agriculture Safety Day program, visit [www.progressiveag.org](http://www.progressiveag.org).

#### **ABOUT PROGRESSIVE AGRICULTURE FOUNDATION**

The Progressive Agriculture Safety Day program, the largest rural safety and health education program for children in North America, is a program of the Progressive Agriculture Foundation (PAF), a 501(c)(3) charitable foundation. The Foundation's mission is to provide education, training and resources to make farm, ranch and rural life safer and healthier for children and their communities. In 2008, PAF was awarded the Better Business Bureau Wise Giving Alliance National Charity Seal, demonstrating its commitment to accountability and ethical practices. Safety Day applications are due each July 15 for Safety Days that will be conducted the following calendar year. For more information, please visit <http://www.progressiveag.org>.

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