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GROWMARK introduces matching gift program to support local member giving

Bloomington, Ill. – GROWMARK, through its Foundation, is introducing a matching gift program to team up with System members in support of local non-profit organizations. The GROWMARK Foundation’s *Enduring Commitments* program will match a member donation between \$1,000 and \$5,000 to a qualifying 501(c)(3). *Enduring Commitments* is designed to partner with members to increase their impact within local communities, according to Amy Bradford, GROWMARK Corporate Relations Manager, and Manager of the Foundation. “Giving back to the communities in which we live and work is a large part of our culture and values through the GROWMARK System. This is a great opportunity for us to support the ongoing charitable efforts of our local members,” she said.

The donations will be matched on a dollar-for-dollar basis. Local contributions must be given to a single organization. Applications can be submitted from February 1, 2016 through October 1, 2016.

About GROWMARK:

GROWMARK is a regional cooperative with annual sales of \$8.8 billion (FY 2015 data) providing agronomy, energy, facility planning, and logistics products and services, as well as grain marketing and risk management services in more than 40 states and Ontario, Canada. GROWMARK owns the FS trademark, which is used by affiliated member cooperatives. More information is available at www.growmark.com

About the GROWMARK Foundation:

The GROWMARK Foundation was formally incorporated in 2005 and supports 501(c)(3) not-for-profit charitable organizations. The Foundation is focused on programs and activities which support: the vitality of the industry of agriculture; agriculture education and consumer understanding of agriculture's contributions to society and the economy; agricultural leadership development; and education about the benefits of the cooperative way of doing business. The GROWMARK System has been involved in a variety of philanthropic efforts, including youth and young leader education and development and scholarships, for decades.