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## **AGRISAFE RECEIVES CHS FOUNDATION GRANT TO PROMOTE SAFETY**

Greenville, IA (June 12, 2017) – AgriSafe is pleased to announce it has received a \$60,000 grant from the CHS Foundation, funded by charitable contributions from CHS Inc., to assist in responding to emerging health concerns and supporting wellness initiatives for college students.

A portion of funds from the grant will support *Invest in Your Health*, a wellness initiative for college agriculture students. Our goal through the *Invest in Your Health* program is to empower students to recognize agricultural health and safety risks and become their own health advocates. This is done by focusing on three objectives to educate, prevent and protect our future and current farmers by providing them with the tools they need to stay safe and healthy. Using a train the trainer model, college students studying agriculture attend an interactive safety demonstration and receive a personal protective equipment (PPE) kit.

“The CHS Foundation has partnered with AgriSafe since 2013 to serve over 2,000 college students. With agriculture ranking among the most dangerous industries in the United States, it is important to train up a safe and health conscientious workforce. We applaud the leadership and partnership the CHS Foundation has dedicated to ag safety through the years,” states Carolyn Sheridan, RN, BSN Clinical Director, AgriSafe Network.

Additional funds are devoted to AgriSafe’s Rapid Response efforts to enhance our capacity to predict and rapidly respond to new health concerns that impact the safety of agricultural workers. The agricultural industry is often on the front lines of health threats such as avian flu, swine flu, and Zika virus; this funding will position AgriSafe to make a greater impact in supporting Ag producers.

“The CHS Foundation supports AgriSafe in their efforts to help train the next generation of ag leaders and address issues that affect the agriculture industry,” says Nanci Lilja, President, CHS Foundation. “Together we are ensuring young adults are better prepared to lead safety practices on farms and in their communities.”

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### **About AgriSafe Network**

AgriSafe is an international 501©3 organization representing health and safety professionals who strive to reduce health disparities found among the agricultural community. Our mission is to support a growing network of trained agricultural health and safety professionals that assure access to preventative services for farm families and the agricultural community. Our impact is realized across the globe because we utilize web-based technology to deliver the best trainings by experts in the field. For more information, visit [www.agrisafe.org](http://www.agrisafe.org).

### **About CHS Foundation**

The CHS Foundation is funded by charitable gifts from CHS Inc., the nation's leading farmer-owned cooperative and a global energy, grains and foods company. As a part of the CHS stewardship focus, the CHS Foundation supports organizations that develop future leaders for agriculture through education and leadership programs, improve agricultural safety and enhance community vitality in rural America.