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## **Ag for Life Announces 11th Annual Harvest Gala to Support Youth Agriculture Education and Rural Safety Initiatives**

**Calgary, AB** – Agriculture for Life (Ag for Life) is thrilled to announce its 11th annual Harvest Gala on October 25, 2024, at Heritage Park in Calgary, a special evening dedicated to celebrating the autumn harvest in Alberta. This event brings together industry and community leaders to savor the delicious flavors of locally produced agricultural foods while supporting essential youth agriculture education and rural and safety initiatives in the province.

To date, Ag for Life has delivered agriculture education to over half a million individuals in communities throughout Alberta. All proceeds from the gala will support the ongoing development and delivery of Ag for Life’s inclusive educational initiatives, empowering the next generation to thrive in the agricultural sector.

A highlight of the evening will be the presentation of the Outstanding Agriculture Teacher Award. This year, we are proud to honor Roopa Patel, M.Ed., a dedicated foods teacher at James Fowler High School in Calgary. Known for her innovative teaching approach, Roopa integrates a hydroponic garden into her curriculum, providing students with hands-on experience in sustainable agriculture practices.

“It is a true pleasure to present the Outstanding Agriculture Teacher Award to Roopa Patel,” says Luree Williamson, CEO of Ag for Life. “Her commitment to fostering a love for agriculture and food education has made a lasting impact on her students.”

Roopa shares, "Receiving this award underscores the vital role that teaching and learning play in my work as a culinary arts teacher. Collaborating with Agriculture for Life has significantly enhanced my understanding of Alberta's rich agricultural heritage, allowing my students and me to explore the origins of our food in meaningful ways, providing valuable insights into where our food comes from."

With tickets 90% sold out, this year's Harvest Gala promises to be an unforgettable evening. Secure your spot here: <https://www.agricultureforlife.ca/2024-harvest-gala>.

### **About Ag for Life**

Ag for Life (Agriculture for Life) has the mandate to deliver educational programming designed to improve rural and farm safety while building public understanding around the agricultural industry.

Ag for Life is made possible through the funding and commitment of companies that employ almost 20,000 people in more than 350 Alberta communities. Founding Members include AdFarm, Glacier FarmMedia, Nutrien, Rocky Mountain Equipment and UFA Co-operative Limited. Find out more at [agricultureforlife.ca](http://agricultureforlife.ca).

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