

This December for #GivingTuesday, The Georgia Foundation for Agriculture is fundraising to support elementary schools across Georgia and one of your county schools needs your help!

{INSERT SCHOOL NAME} Elementary School is participating in a pilot elementary agricultural education program encouraged by the state “[Georgia Agriculture Education Act.”](https://www.gadoe.org/Curriculum-Instruction-and-Assessment/CTAE/Documents/The-Georgia-Agricultural-Education-Act-SB330.pdf) This is the **first program of its kind** where elementary schools are having in-class lessons on the importance of agriculture and how food/fiber in grown in our state.

Want to be inspired? Learn more about the story of how Senate Bill 330: [The Georgia Agricultural Education Act](https://www.gadoe.org/Curriculum-Instruction-and-Assessment/CTAE/Documents/The-Georgia-Agricultural-Education-Act-SB330.pdf) got started by Gordon Lee High school students, Dalton Green and Emily Potter. They co-authored the bill because they thought that we should “give these students an importunity to learn about agriculture…so that they might develop a passion for agriculture, a love for agriculture as (we) have.” Click the [here](http://sharepoint.federation.gfb.org/Website%20Video/Forms/AllItems.aspx) to watch interviews with Emily and Dalton.

While the bill encourages schools to establish Ag curriculum, **teachers are still in need of financial support** to get the programs off the ground. If we do not support them with these programs, we **will not see it expand to the entire state** or continue as part of the curriculum.

Tap into your network and help our school have a successful ag ed program.

* **Help spread the word –** Part of the campaign includes increasing awareness and affinity for agriculture education programs like the ones established by Senate Bill 330.
	+ **Watch and share—**Through social media and email, share one of the [**Give to Grow Videos**](https://www.gfb.org/givetogrow-videos.cms) featuring educators, legislators, and community leaders expressing why agriculture education is vital to Georgia.
	+ **Contact a local business**—Connect with local businesses that are located near one of the pilot schools. Ask them if they might be interested in supporting teachers in their community who need their help.
	+ **More tools here**—Check out our[**Give to Grow Promotional Toolkit**](https://www.gfb.org/givetogrow-toolkit.cms)for email templates, sample Facebook/Twitter posts, and more ideas on how to spread the word
* **Mark your calendar –** Make a donation of any amount on Tuesday, December 3. We will be rallying the community to give on that day so we can unlock additional funding. Visit the website for more information on how to donate: <www.gfb.ag/GivetoGrow>

You know how important agriculture is to our county and our state in general. Please show your support of agriculture—by giving to our “Give to Grow” campaign this season. With a generous donation of $100 dollars, you could provide our elementary school with the following:

 [INSERT EXAMPLES HERE]

* X raised beds
* X complete chicken coop
* X seed packets (if they are ordered in bulk)
* X accurate ag. books for a school library

Can you imagine how inspired our children will be to see chickens at their schools?!

We hope you can consider making a **tax-deductible donation** this season that will stay in your community. Visit our campaign website <www.gfb.ag/GivetoGrow>.

Thank you in advance for your support!