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# Christian Farmers Federation of Ontario's AGM and Gala Celebrates Success and Unity Within the Agriculture Industry

[Cambridge, ON] March 27, 2024 - The Christian Farmers Federation of Ontario (CFFO) celebrated a resounding success at their Annual General Meeting (AGM) and Gala, held on Friday, March 22, 2024, in Waterloo, Ontario. The event, marked by insightful discussions, meaningful networking, and inspiring addresses, underscored the pivotal role of Ontario's agricultural community in shaping the province's food production landscape.

The AGM commenced with lively conversations and meaningful devotions from CFFO President Ed Scharringa, which fostering fellowship among members and attendees from diverse sectors of the agriculture industry. Notable among the distinguished guests was The Honorable Lisa Thompson, Ontario Minister of Agriculture, Food, and Rural Affairs, whose presence highlighted the significance of the CFFO's endeavors. Minister Thompson shared valuable insights into the future trajectory of Ontario agriculture, emphasizing the indispensable contributions of CFFO members to the province's food production sector.

A key highlight of the business meeting was the informative session on farm succession planning and transition dynamics, featuring esteemed speakers Audrée Morin and Ian Cubitt. The session garnered widespread acclaim from attendees, reflecting the relevance and timeliness of the topics discussed.

This year's AGM witnessed an exceptional turnout, marking it as one of the best-attended gatherings in recent CFFO history. The overwhelming participation underscored the collective commitment of Ontario's farming community to collaborate and navigate challenges effectively.

Following the AGM, the Gala and Tradeshow captivated attendees with a delightful blend of networking opportunities, culinary delights, and live music. Members, industry partners, local government representatives, and benefit providers seized the occasion to forge meaningful connections and celebrate shared accomplishments in a convivial atmosphere.

CFFO extends heartfelt gratitude to distinguished guests, including Mike Schreiner, Leader of the Green Party of Ontario, Brian Saunderson, MPP for Simcoe-Grey (PC), and Bobbi Ann Brady, MPP for Haldimand—Norfolk (Independent), for their unwavering support and commitment to advancing the interests of farmers across Ontario.

The success of the AGM and Gala serves as a testament to the resilience, unity, and forward-looking spirit of Ontario's agricultural community. CFFO remains steadfast in its mission to empower and advocate for farmers, ensuring a prosperous future for Ontario's agricultural sector.



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#### About the CFFO:

The Christian Farmers Federation of Ontario (CFFO) is an Accredited Farm Organization representing the interests of over 4,000 farm families in Ontario who are called to the vocation of farming. CFFO policy promotes economically, socially, and environmentally sustainable farming, advocating that farmers receive fair returns for their production and stewardship efforts.

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