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Columbia Grain International Celebrates Veterans Day with a Donation to the Sanborn Veterans Park

CGI supports the agricultural community of Barnes County, North Dakota, and its veterans.

Valley City, ND (NOVEMBER 2020) — [Columbia Grain International \(CGI\)](#), a global leader in the origination, processing, logistics, and distribution of high-quality bulk grains, pulses, edible beans, oilseeds, and organics for the northern tier of the United States, has donated to the Sanborn Veterans Park in Sanborn, North Dakota, just in time for Veterans Day on November 11, 2020. Darren Bjornson, Manager of the Columbia Grain International Elevator in Valley City, North Dakota, was instrumental in working with Committee Chairman of the Sanborn Veterans Park, Joe Pesek to secure the donation.

The Eckelson-Sanborn American Legion Post #202 had a dream to create a local park in the city of Sanborn that would honor the county's U.S. military veterans. After discussing the project, it turned into a much larger endeavor and one that became available to all veterans. The park will have six monuments with over 450 names engraved upon them by Spring 2021. The park is 125 ft X 150 ft and features a stamped, stained, and sealed concrete hexagon slab and has an estimated completion date of Memorial Day and a dedication ceremony scheduled for July 4, 2021. The community came together to support fundraising efforts, which made this project a reality.

Columbia Grain International owns grain elevators in Valley City, North Dakota, and it is honored to support its local veterans, many of which come from farming families and have left an indelible mark on the rich agricultural history of Barnes County, North Dakota.



Columbia Grain International Employees from the Valley City, ND Elevator present Veteran Dan Wieland with a check donation to the Sanborn Veterans Park. CGI employees back row left to right: Garrett Andel, Jason North, Cody Didier, Aaron Heery, Alex Andel Front row: Dan Wieland, Ulises Herrera, Darren Bjornson



“Agriculture is a huge part of the Barnes County economy. Many of the veterans that live in this area come from a long line of farmers, who are instrumental in growing the crops we handle to send to worldwide markets. We are very proud to have the opportunity to support this project and give back to those who have given so much,” said President & CEO of Columbia Grain International, Jeff Van Pevnage.

About Columbia Grain International

Since 1978, Columbia Grain International™ (CGI) has been *Cultivating Growth™* as a global leader in the origination, processing, logistics, and distribution of high-quality bulk grains, pulses, edible beans, oilseeds and organics for U.S. domestic and worldwide export markets. Headquartered in Portland, OR, CGI’s reliable supply chain spans the western region of the US, ensuring abundant ingredients for all of its partners, thanks to their trusted relationships with their farmers throughout the fertile croplands of Washington, Idaho, Montana and North Dakota, well known for its high-quality wheat, feed grains, canola and pulses. CGI is an owner of Montana Specialty Mills, who operates an organic and non-GMO oilseed crushing facility in Great Falls, Montana, a mustard seed facility in Conrad, Montana, and most recently Montana Craft Malt — providing specialty malt barley from Montana farmers to the craft brewing world. Today, they are vertically integrated, operating assets including grain elevators, processing plants and agronomy centers to support their farmers, which stretch the northern tier of the United States. With multiple touchpoints across the food supply chain, CGI provides trusted solutions and cultivates high-quality ingredients from their local farmers for a farm to table philosophy that nourishes the world, safely.

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