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Step Up and Vote Daily to Assist Your Community

Help a local non-profit win one of forty \$25,000 State Farm Neighborhood Assist® grants

GREENSBORO, NC (May 7, 2014) – Kopper Top Life Learning Center, Inc. answered the call from [State Farm®](#) to help create a positive impact in their community by submitting causes as part of this year's [State Farm Neighborhood Assist](#). Now the top 200 causes have been selected by the [State Farm Youth Advisory Board®](#) and Kopper Top's animal-assisted therapy program needs your "assist" to help vote them into the top 40. From April 28 through May 16, anyone who has the free State Farm Neighborhood Assist Facebook application can vote daily for Kopper Top Life Learning Center and help bring \$25,000 to their community!

Kopper Top Life Learning Center is located on a 33-acre farm in southeast Guilford County, North Carolina. Kopper Top provides animal-assisted therapy programs, which are carried out in a variety of settings, including on site at the non-profit's farm, and off-site at eldercare facilities, public and private schools, community centers, hospice facilities, churches, and at local events and festivals. The organization's therapy animals are more than just dogs and horses. In fact, its farm contains a myriad of rescued and rehabilitated animals including cats, dogs, horses, ponies, sheep, goats, rabbits, and even a ferret. "Using animals as therapists provides a purely nonjudgmental space for individuals; animals accept you for the way you are flaws and all", says Deborah Meridith, executive director of Kopper Top.

"We are honored the Youth Advisory Board of the State Farm Neighborhood Assist program selected Kopper Top as one of 200 non-profits nationwide out of 4,000 submissions. We hope people will take this opportunity to vote and make a positive impact for our organization, so that we can share that impact in our community. Winning this grant would help us reach more elderly and disabled residents in Guilford, Alamance and surrounding counties," continued Meridith.

In its third year, State Farm Neighborhood Assist is a youth-led philanthropic program that empowers individuals of all ages to identify the issues they feel are the most important to their communities. The [State Farm Youth Advisory Board](#), a diverse group of 30 students who are passionate about social responsibility, manages the program and reviewed each of the 4,000 cause submissions selecting the top [200 finalists](#) using a scoring criterion they created. The 200 finalists now move on to a public vote with the nonprofits of the top 40 vote receiving causes receiving a \$25,000 grant. This year, 41 states and Canadian provinces have causes in the top 200.

Kopper Top has through May 16 to rally votes in their community for its animal-assisted therapy programs, with anyone voting allowed up to 10 votes per day. On May 27, the top 40 vote-receiving causes will be announced on the Facebook app and a \$25,000 grant will be awarded to the affiliated nonprofits.

To vote for Kopper Top Life Learning Center, Inc. click [here](#). For a complete list of the top 200 causes or to get the free Facebook app, please visit www.statefarm.com/neighborhoodassist.

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