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Dakotaland Feeds to Contribute \$25,000 to 'Raise The SHED'

HURON, S.D. – The South Dakota State Fair Foundation is excited to announce Dakotaland Feeds has pledged \$25,000 to the 'Raise The SHED' Fundraising Campaign.

The SHED will be the new home for Open Class Sheep at the South Dakota State Fairgrounds in Huron. The SHED will serve as a multi-purpose facility, including a show arena and educational center. The indoor educational center will provide a place for interactive learning about the sheep industry, opportunities in agriculture, and our state's rich agricultural history.

"We are very excited about The SHED project and the opportunities it will bring the community," said Troy Swanson, Dakotaland Feeds General Manager. "Dakotaland Feeds is proud to help sponsor this project as an investment to help promote agriculture and education for generations to come."

The "Raise The SHED" campaign includes several donor opportunities for all donation levels including show arena naming rights and donor wall sponsorships. For more information on how to donate visit www.sdstatefairfoundation.com.

The fundraising goal is \$3 million. The total project cost is approximately \$8 million.

The former Open Class Sheep Barn has been demolished, and project planning and design for The SHED is underway. A groundbreaking ceremony is expected to be held during the 2024 State Fair.

For additional information about the project or questions about the 'Raise The SHED' campaign, please contact Peggy Besch, South Dakota State Fairgrounds Manager at 605-353-7340 or peggy.besch@state.sd.us. You can also contact Fundraising Campaign Chairman Larry Tidemann at 605-690-8353. A complete list of fundraising committee members and campaign information can be found at www.sdstatefairfoundation.com.