



## NATSUME INC. REVEALS HARVEST MOON: THE WINDS OF ANTHOS!

Celebrating The 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of The Harvest Moon Franchise, The Newest Installment Will Launch Summer 2023

**Burlingame, CA., December 14th, 2022** – Natsume Inc., a worldwide developer and publisher of familyoriented video games, today revealed *Harvest Moon: The Winds of Anthos*. The newest installment in the beloved Harvest Moon franchise will launch Summer of 2023! In celebration of the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Harvest Moon franchise, *Harvest Moon: The Winds of Anthos* will offer new functions while keeping the core fundamentals that has made the series so popular.

The land players will explore is known as Anthos, and is home to the Harvest Sprites, spirits that protect people and nature, as well as the goddess of nature known as the Harvest Goddess. However, about 20 years ago, an unprecedented eruption in Anthos's volcanic region forced the Harvest Goddess and her Harvest Sprites to use all of their powers to protect the people. The people were saved, but the eruption left the villages cut off from each other...

Believing that the separated villages and people would one day be reconnected, the Harvest Goddess sent a bottle into the ocean with a letter and a magic key, then fell into a deep sleep...

"To celebrate the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of *Harvest Moon*, we are honored and excited to announce *Harvest Moon: The Winds of Anthos*," said Hiro Maekawa, President and CEO of Natsume Inc. "The newest *Harvest Moon* will take players to new lands and include features that are completely new to the series. We are eager to reveal more in the new year, since we still have so many big surprises planned for this remarkable anniversary."



2022 marks the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Harvest Moon series and the origin of the farming sim genre. The debut game, *Harvest Moon*, was released in June 1997 on the SNES in North America and now the series boasts more than 30 games. Fan favorites include *Harvest Moon 64* (released on the Nintendo 64 in 1999), *Harvest Moon: Back to Nature* (released on the Sony PlayStation in 2001) and *Harvest Moon DS* (released on the Nintendo DS in 2007). Over the past 25 years, *Harvest Moon* titles have been released on numerous consoles starting on the Super Nintendo Entertainment System and more recently releasing on the Nintendo Switch, PlayStation 4, Xbox One, Steam and mobile, making Harvest Moon more accessible than ever. The most recent release in the franchise was *Harvest Moon: One World* which is available now for Nintendo Switch, Sony PlayStation, Xbox and Steam. More information about the game can be found <u>HERE</u>.

## **ABOUT HARVEST MOON:**

The first game in the series was released in North America in 1997 and has continued to see a steady rise of popularity and players, making it one of today's most beloved franchises. *Harvest Moon* is revered for being a non-violent, family-oriented game for everyone, and there have been more than 30+ games released in the series.

Players can follow the latest news for all of the beloved Natsume franchises at <u>www.natsume.com</u> and get a scoop on all of the latest Natsume updates, contests, screen shots and more at:



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## About Natsume Inc.

Natsume Inc. is a worldwide developer and publisher that specialize in unique and family-oriented interactive entertainment software for a variety of platforms. Most known for publishing Reel Fishing and Harvest Moon, Natsume is dedicated to producing quality video games. For more information about Natsume Inc. visit <u>www.natsume.com</u>