



**NATSUME TO BRING *HARVEST MOON* TO NINTENDO SWITCH, STEAM,
AND PLAYSTATION 4 WITH ALL-NEW *HARVEST MOON: LIGHT OF HOPE***

Revive the Lighthouse and Save the Town!

Burlingame, CA. – May 16th, 2017 – In celebration of Harvest Moon's 20th anniversary, Natsume Inc., a worldwide developer and publisher of family-oriented video games, and Rising Star Games, European video game publisher and long-standing partner of Natsume, today announced an all-new title, *Harvest Moon: Light of Hope*. The new game will encompass twenty years of spirit that has made the franchise what it is today, and will be available on Nintendo Switch, Steam, and PlayStation 4! This is the first time the *Harvest Moon* brand will be on Steam and the Nintendo Switch. The title will be playable on both Switch and PC in the Natsume booth at E3 2017 in South Hall, Booth 2047 in June.

In *Harvest Moon: Light of Hope*, players begin the game as they set out looking for a fresh start and new surroundings. During their voyage, their ship is hit by a monsoon and goes down. As they drift into a small harbor town, now in a shambles from the storm, it will be up to the player to help rebuild the town and save the lighthouse...but it won't be easy! Nevertheless, with some hard work growing crops, tending livestock, and gathering materials for repairs, players will be able to make new friends, start a family, revive the lighthouse, and save the town!

"*Harvest Moon: Light of Hope* will set itself apart from other *Harvest Moon* titles with its depth, including a robust story and clear-cut goals," said Hiro Maekawa, President & CEO of Natsume. "We set out to create a SNES-style nostalgic game with deep and meaningful characters and events, and we are excited to have our fans play it at E3 and tell us what they think!"

"Partnering with Natsume for over a decade, we've been delighted to bring the joyful gameplay of *Harvest Moon* to fans in Europe and beyond", said Martin Defries, Managing Director, Rising Star Games. "We are excited to be part of the unveiling of *Harvest Moon: Light of Hope* at E3".

As part of the year-long 20th anniversary celebration, Natsume has also unveiled the re-release of *Harvest Moon: A Wonderful Life Special Edition* and *Harvest Moon: Save the Homeland* for the PlayStation 4, and *Harvest Moon 64* for the Nintendo Wii U. Rising Star Games, in cooperation with Natsume, announced its first ever app for smart devices, *Harvest Moon Lil' Farmers*. The history of the franchise can be seen at a new site with official release dates, artwork, box art, and interesting trivia.

http://www.natsume.com/current_game/games/hm20th/index.html

About Harvest Moon

This year marks the 20th Anniversary of the beloved farming simulation franchise, *Harvest Moon*. The game first 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. **#HarvestMoon20**

Players can follow the latest news for all of the beloved Natsume franchises at www.natsume.com and by scooping all of the latest Natsume updates, contests, screen shots and more at www.natsume.com/facebook and www.twitter.com/natsume_inc.

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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 www.natsume.com

About Rising Star Games

Rising Star Games is a privately held video games publisher with a global reach. With operating offices in Europe and USA the company publishes video game entertainment across all gaming platforms from Sony, Microsoft, Nintendo and via Steam. With decades of combined experience and a genuine passion for interactive entertainment, Rising Star Games is proud of its ever-expanding and enormously diverse catalog of over 130 titles. www.risingstargames.com