



Farm Rescue®

Helping Farm Families in Crisis

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Farm Rescue is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that provides planting, haying and harvesting assistance free of charge for farm families who have experienced a major illness, injury or natural disaster.



Avenue of Goodness

"My Field of Dreams"

Eleven years ago I set my sights on the goal of creating a unique Avenue of Goodness where people and businesses could easily participate in helping farm families and rural communities. It would be a one-of-a-kind nonprofit organization that everyone could be proud of for its altruistic and patriotic mission of helping rural families who experienced unexpected crises through no fault of their own. Volunteers, sponsors, donors and media would unite to not only help the neighbor in their community, but to lend a helping hand from across the state, region and nation.

This has all become a reality with such success that the nonprofit is virtually a household name known for providing a safety net to farmers and ranchers that are unable to get their time sensitive work done due to a major injury, illness or natural disaster. More than 350 farm and ranch families have been assisted due to the unwavering support of sponsors, donors, volunteers and media outlets committed to the positive impact of our mission. Through the years we have stayed true to our mission and added valuable services that now encompass planting, harvesting, haying, hay moving and grain hauling. However, this array of services has created the need for innovative and new fundraising ideas. *My Field of Dreams* is our newest fundraiser that we are sure you will enjoy since it involves the universal language of music.



Joe Schmidt, a farmer and talented musical artist from Medina, North Dakota is donating all proceeds from his recently released song, *My Field of Dreams*, to Farm Rescue. Please help us make this fundraiser a huge success so we may sustain this Avenue of Goodness well into the future to help thousands of families stricken by unexpected crises. We are asking for your help in ways that are instrumental to the success of our mission. Turn to the back cover of this brochure to see how you can help!

Thank you for supporting this wonderful Avenue of Goodness we call Farm Rescue.



Sincerely,
Bill Gross
Founder and President



Stories of Assistance

Donald and Marlys Schumacher from Minot, ND were due for some relief. On top of their farming operation, they were working multiple jobs, their son was serving in Afghanistan, and Marlys was battling advanced breast cancer for the fifth year. The spring fields needed to be planted, cows were calving and something had to give. With Marlys anticipating treatment in Chicago, Donald had no way to be with his wife during her treatment. They called Farm Rescue for help.

The Farm Rescue volunteers planted the oats and flax in two days. This was just the break the Schumachers needed in order to be together during a difficult medical situation. The sheer relief of knowing that the crop was being planted allowed Don and Marlys to spend a bit more precious time together during Marlys's treatment: just what they asked for. Virginia Schumacher, family member and farming partner, repeatedly thanked Farm



Rescue, its volunteers and sponsors for the assistance provided and for making a memory that will last forever.



David and Lisa Axmear had been away from their farm in North English, Iowa for two years. David, who had been awaiting a heart transplant, found the medical treatment he needed in Phoenix, Arizona and was staying close to the specialized treatment facility so he could be monitored and cared for while his name rose steadily up the waiting list. As a farmer, it's extremely difficult to run a farming operation when you can't be there to keep the farm going.

David contacted Farm Rescue to see if there was a possibility that his crop could be harvested while he was away. The wheels were immediately set into motion to ensure this family's farm was taken care of while they were away. As his crops ripened, David received his long-awaited heart. A week later, Farm Rescue equipment showed up right on time to assist with the soybean and corn harvest.

In a very thoughtful note of thanks to Farm Rescue and its volunteers, David said, "I hope my story can bring awareness to Farm Rescue. A friend told me about it, and it was very hard to ask for help, but everyone was so professional. When I was told to 'Just relax and it would be taken care of,' I was so relieved. I sure hope to meet the wonderful people who helped at the farm. I am a lucky man in so many ways to have an army of angels all for just one man!"

2015 Farmers Assisted



Kevin & Donna Anderson
Heart Surgery
Leeds, ND



David & Lisa Axmear
Heart Transplant
North English, IA



Brandon & Victoria Bail
Cancer
Morristown, SD



Dale Barth
Hand Surgery
Center, ND



Jon & Margo Berg
Motorcycle Accident
Hillsboro, ND



Tom & Jodie Bjornholt
Crushed Leg
Garrison, ND



Bruce & Kim Bloms
Infectious Disease
Carpio, ND



Myron & Mary Blumhagen
Broken Back
Drake, ND



Timothy Bohl
Bypass Surgery
Woodworth, ND



George & Susan Buckmeier
Torn Rotator Cuff
Scranton, ND



Larry & Debra Cartmell
Farm Accident
Glendive, MT



Tarin & Jill Dewald
Farm Accident
Fredonia, ND



Wayne Dockter
Cancer
McClusky, ND



Jerry Doyle
Illness
Henderson, MN



Mike & Kendra Fastnacht
Brain Surgery
Wessington Springs, SD



Robert & Belinda Fitterer Jr.
Shoulder Replacement
Golden Valley, ND



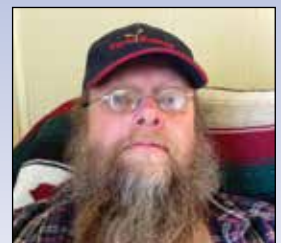
Ray & DeAnna Frantsen
Cancer
Voltaire, ND



Rod & Mary Giesler
Tractor Accident
Faith, SD



John & Janine Gisi
Shoulder Injury
New Rockford, ND



Bruce Gumke
Broken Ankle
Jud, ND



Charles & Maryann Hoff
Cancer
Richardton, ND



Larry & Angel Janssen
Torn Tendons in Arm
Fullerton, ND



Paul & Wendy Juntunen
Fractured Shoulder
Rolla, ND



Patrick & Maria Kilzer
Child with Leukemia
Hettinger, ND



Greg & Marla Maddock
Knee Surgery
Maddock, ND

2015 Farmers Assisted



Dennis & Sharon McCullough
Ruptured Colon
Thief River Falls, MN



Troy & Melissa Mudgett
Arm Laceration
Clark, SD



Arlan Nelson & Deb Simmons
Tractor Accident
Hurley, SD



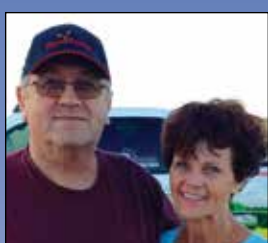
Brian & Kristi Lynn Peck
Cancer
Milford, IA



Jayson Perius
Foot Surgery
Verndale, MN



Lonny & Tammy Reuer
Broken Foot
Jamestown, ND



Ronald & Robin Rewald
Heart Surgery
Pettibone, ND



Lon & Pam Russell
Cancer
Stanton, ND



Austin & Pat Schiley
Lung Fungus
Webster, SD



Allen & Mary Schram
Cancer
Lidgerwood, ND



Donald & Marlys Schumacher
Cancer
Minot, ND



Doug & Lynette Steele
Cancer
Anita, IA



Steve & Sheila Szudera
Farm Accident
Beach, ND



Brian & Kathy Tebelius
Appendectomy
Bowdon, ND



Karl & Samantha Tebelius
Eye Laceration
Bowdon, ND



John & Melinda Umbaugh
Torn Cornea
Adair, IA



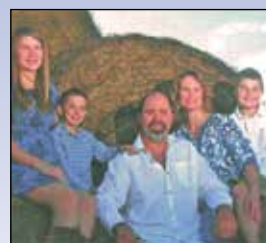
Emit & Jayme Valnes
Car Accident
Eden, SD



Arlen & Jennifer Vollmer
Bypass Surgery
Balfour, ND



Edward & Renee Walsh
Cancer
Badger, MN



Rob & Jodi Waltman
Broken Foot
Leola, SD

"No words can express how thankful our family is for your organization and for your individual hearts of service. ...Thank you for making our family farm a priority and for helping us to hold on to our livelihood and our dream. We are eternally thankful." - Karl, Samantha, Kale, Brian and Kathy Tebelius

"To all that helped in any way to make this possible, Thanks so much! It is amazing that people will come from all over the country to help us farmers and ranchers through Farm Rescue." - Rob Waltman

Thank You

July 7, 2015

Farm Rescue
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Horace, ND 58047

Dear Farm Rescue Team,

My wife and I want to sincerely thank the whole Farm Rescue team for their assistance in planting a good share of our 2015 crop. Everyone from participants to sponsors need to know how much the program is appreciated. Although we farmers are typically an independent lot, Bill Gross the founder of Farm Rescue, was truly a visionary in recognizing the need for such help in time of crisis. My wife and I certainly didn't expect to have major medical problems within months of each other, however, it gave us great peace to know that Farm Rescue would help us out! Again, thanks much to everyone who helped and may God bless you all!

Sharon McCullough
Sharon McCullough

Farm Rescue -

Ron - I want to thank you for helping us out with our wheat harvest. You have no idea what a relief it was to get the phone call saying we were approved. I know Ron headed to surgery with one less worry on his mind.

A thank you to Bill Gross for the calls when he was in the hospital making sure he was doing ok.

To the wonderful men & women that showed up to our farm to help with the harvest - there are no words that can express our sincere thanks.

To Carol & Lell - what a special couple with great kids - Dan from Houston, well he felt like family by the time he left and Phil & Pauline, what wonderful people all around. I hope I can help others as Farm Rescue has helped us. May the Lord bless each and everyone connected with this organization. Ron & Robin Russell

Farm Rescue played a crucial role in maintaining our livelihood of ranching when Rod had his accident.

Putting up our hay was an unexpected but much needed job to have gotten done and we have nothing but good to say about the organization.

It seemed unbelievable to have 3 people come to area they were unfamiliar with to put up our hay with limited machinery besides that of Farm Rescue. A big thank you to Dan, Frank, John & everyone involved. Our goal is to plan to meet more of you at the banquet. R+M

Thank! you cannot say enough! When Troy was severely injured two days before the start of soybean harvest panic hit as we were not sure how we were going to be able to handle the workload. After being in contact with Farm Rescue we had a response within a few hours. Four great volunteers showed up with a combine and semi and our panic instantly turned to gratitude and relief. With the use of their equipment and ours we were able to complete our soybean harvest in four days. What impressed us the most was the fact we were never once treated like a charity case and were shown the upmost respect and consideration to our operation. This experience also gave us the opportunity to show our children that there are good people in this world who are willing to help complete strangers and can become friends. Phil, Andy, Emil and Fred are now considered life long family friends who we will never be able to fully express our thanks and gratitude for their help. With the help of Farm Rescue we were able to make a bad situation into a life changing experience. Thank you from the bottom of our heart to your organization, volunteers and sponsors! God Bless all of you!

Troy, Melissa,
Conner, Caitlyn, Mudgett
Clark, SD

Volunteers-in-Action

"It amazes me what the volunteers are willing and able to do to help. I myself was a volunteer this year, and not only did I meet the farmer, I made a new friend! It was my first time volunteering, & I guarantee it will not be my last!" - Phil Heinrichs, Hawley, MN



Equipment Sponsors



Long lasting relationships are the foundation upon which RDO Equipment Company builds itself. It is no different in their relationship with Farm Rescue. RDO Equipment Company has been the Exclusive Equipment Sponsor since the inception of Farm Rescue. Their faithful support has laid the groundwork for the assistance of hundreds of farm families. They generously sponsor the best available John Deere equipment to ensure we do an outstanding job for the assisted farm families.

RDO Equipment Company's focus on individualized success and respect has made them a leader in their industry. They clearly care about communities and individual farm families through their unrivaled support of Farm Rescue.

We are honored to have RDO Equipment Company partner with us to help farm families who have experienced an unexpected crisis. On behalf of more than 350 families who have been positively impacted, Thank You!



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Puklich Chevrolet, a family-owned business founded in 1984, established Farm Rescue's trademark fleet of Chevy trucks when it made its first donation back in 2008. They have been a strong and generous supporter of Farm Rescue.



Minot, ND



The Ryan name is synonymous with auto dealerships in Minot, Bismarck and Williston. This family-owned dynasty has been a strong and generous supporter of Farm Rescue.



Fargo, ND

Twenty auto dealerships in the Red River Valley of Minnesota and North Dakota comprise the Certified Heartland Chevy Dealers. They have been dependable truck sponsors making it possible for us to help farm families in the eastern North Dakota and western Minnesota region.



2016 Sponsors

"We are proud to be a Premier Sponsor of Farm Rescue since its beginning and continue to be inspired by the work they do for so many farmers and ranchers." - RDO Equipment Company

Farm Rescue operations are funded by donations from businesses, organizations and individuals that support America's tradition of independent family farms and strong rural economies.

We do not distribute funds to farmers. Donations are used to pay for the many expenses associated with planting, harvesting and haying of crops.

Supporters of Farm Rescue can feel confident that their donation is directly helping families experiencing an unexpected crisis.



Your logo placed on Farm Rescue...

		Web Site w/ Link	Brochures	Sponsor Banner	Social Media	Sponsor Video	Vehicle(s)	Semi Trailer(s)	Billboards per Year
Premier	\$100,000 +	Home Page	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	9
Diamond	\$50,000	Home Page	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	6
Emerald	\$25,000	Sponsor Page	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	3
Platinum	\$10,000	Sponsor Page	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	1
Gold	\$5,000	Sponsor Page	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Silver	\$2,500	Sponsor Page	✓	✓	✓				
Bronze	\$1,000	Sponsor Page	✓						
Copper	\$500	Sponsor Page							

* All levels receive Farm Rescue sponsor decals.

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Farm Rescue Banquet

"We listened as these tough farmers were fighting back tears admitting they needed help and how Farm Rescue was there to help, just as they did for us!" - Wendy Juntunen



MAKE RESERVATIONS NOW FOR OUR ANNUAL BANQUET!

Great fellowship and food with Farm Rescue volunteers, farm families and sponsors, not to mention a commodity silent auction. Plus, you could win a door prize of a 50" Samsung LED HDTV. You must be present to win and seating is limited, so purchase your ticket now. The commodity auction has turned out to be a big hit among farmers (seed, fertilizer, herbicide and crop application services)! All proceeds benefit Farm Rescue operations.

Make reservations at farmrescue.org

Hilton Garden Inn • Fargo, ND

5 p.m. Social • 6 p.m. Dinner

October 29, 2016

50" Samsung LED HDTV!



You could win a six night trip for two to Hawaii or one of five other great prizes!

It's the Farm Rescue Raffle - an annual fundraising event to be held now through October 29, 2016. Raffle tickets are \$100 each and will be limited to 300 tickets. Odds are 1 in 50 of winning one of the great prizes listed below and you need not be present to win.

Proceeds from this raffle go to Farm Rescue for use in planting, haying and harvesting operations to help family farmers in crisis from an unexpected injury, illness or natural disaster.

Buy a ticket and help a great cause! Visit farmrescue.org for complete raffle details and rules.

Contact the Farm Rescue office for more information or to purchase your ticket before they are gone. (701) 252-2017

GREAT PRIZES!

1. Six Night Trip for Two to Hawaii
2. John Deere D105 Riding Lawn Mower
3. Apple iPad - 64GB
4. Apple iPad Mini - 64GB
5. \$500 Walmart Gift Card
6. \$250 Fuel Gift Card



Images may not be representative of actual raffle prizes.

Have you or someone you know experienced a major injury, illness or natural disaster?



Here to help!

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We are a mobile farming operation with a dedicated group of volunteers operating modern equipment. Traveling throughout a five-state area, Farm Rescue offers an opportunity for farm families experiencing an unexpected crisis to continue viable operations. Farm Rescue is a win-win for those who need assistance and rural communities. We help maintain stability so future generations may continue farming.

Applying or referring a family is easy!

1. Applications are available at farmrescue.org or by calling 701-252-2017.
2. Complete a brief 2-page application and submit to Farm Rescue via mail or fax or online (will be confidential).
3. Upon approval, we will notify the family of our arrival date to plant, hay or harvest crops.
4. Relax and know that you're in good hands. We have planted/harvested 100,000 + acres for 350 + farm families.



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My Field of Dreams

by Joe Schmidt

Farm Rescue wants to share with you a song that speaks of American farming traditions!

Joe Schmidt, a farmer and talented musical artist from Medina, North Dakota is donating all proceeds from his recently released song, *My Field of Dreams*, to Farm Rescue. This is your chance to support the altruistic and patriotic mission of Farm Rescue, while enjoying a wonderful country song.

Here is how you can be a part of this exciting opportunity:

As an individual...

- Purchase *My Field of Dreams* at farmrescue.org/dreams
- Promote the song and share the music video with your friends, family, and coworkers.
- Stay connected by volunteering, referring farm families, through social media and offering recurring financial support.

As a business...

- Purchase *My Field of Dreams* at farmrescue.org/dreams and promote the music video within your company!
- Tell others in your professional network about Farm Rescue's business sponsorship opportunities.
- Contact us to discuss your ideas on hosting a fundraiser.

Thank you for supporting Farm Rescue through the purchase of *My Field of Dreams*!



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All proceeds from *My Field of Dreams* are donated to Farm Rescue, a non-profit organization that has helped hundreds of farm and ranch families who have experienced unexpected crises.

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