

# Farm Rescue<sup>®</sup>

Helping Farm Families in Crisis

[farmrescue.org](http://farmrescue.org)



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.





**Three hundred.** Is it just a number? In late October 2014, Farm Rescue marked a significant milestone. In the cornfields of Minnesota, we assisted our 300th farm family.

**What's the big deal?** When told this fact, one might raise their eyebrows, say “Wow,” and move on to the next topic. However, 300 means so much more to Farm Rescue and to myself. The number reminds me that 300 farm families have been impacted by what we do: they will be able to stay on their farms. They will keep doing what they love. And their local businesses, schools and communities will thrive with their support.

**You were there.** The support for Farm Rescue has been incredible. Our mission pulls on the heartstrings of many, with over 200 business sponsors and almost 1,000 volunteers sharing our vision. I am humbled by the individual who invests in something larger than themselves. The business that sees Farm Rescue as the venue to support their community. The volunteer who takes vacation time to serve others. You. Your spirit, support and belief in our mission continue to create a lasting impact within our communities. Thank you!

**Together.** Injuries, illnesses and natural disasters devastate many farm families each year. Your support is vital to our mission of helping the family farmer continue their viable operation by bridging an unexpected crisis with assistance in planting, haying or harvesting. The need is present, but so is the opportunity to impact more families and communities. Join us in making that impact. We cannot do it without you. I encourage you to look at the ways to lend a helping hand found on page 15.

**300 is not just a number.** It's the positive, ongoing impact on families and communities.

Sincerely,

**Bill Gross**  
**Founder and President**

# Story of Assistance



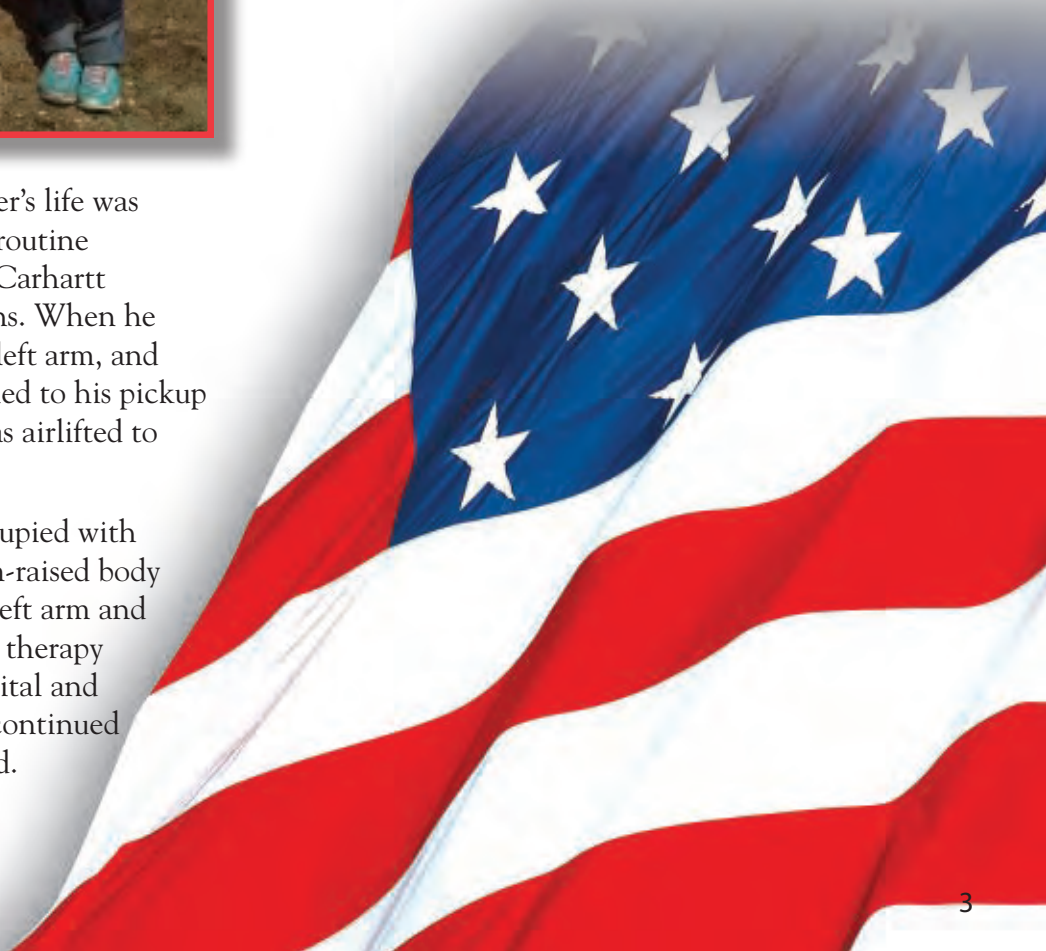
The year was not yet over, but Matt was already thinking about the next spring's planting to be done. With some encouragement, the Fischer's applied for planting assistance from Farm Rescue and the application was quickly approved.

In May, a Farm Rescue volunteer planting crew was sent to the Fischer farm. The RDO Equipment Company sponsored tractor and air seeder were a comforting sight upon arrival. The volunteers were instant friends of the family, and worked with them to get the planting completed in a timely manner. With some difficulty, Matt was able to join them in the field, learning how to overcome the challenges that prosthetic limbs can bring to a farming operation. Throughout this experience, the Fischer's neighbors stepped up to take care of Matt's cattle while also providing the family with food, visits and prayers.

Farm Rescue is proud to have had the opportunity to assist this wonderful family and community. We thrive on serving farm families in the midst of crisis. If you know of anyone who could use our assistance, please see the back of this brochure.

In November of 2013, Mathew Fischer's life was changed forever. While doing some routine maintenance on the hay mover, his Carhartt coveralls became entangled in the chains. When he finally broke free, Matt was missing his left arm, and his left leg was badly mangled. He crawled to his pickup and drove to his mother's house, and was airlifted to the hospital.

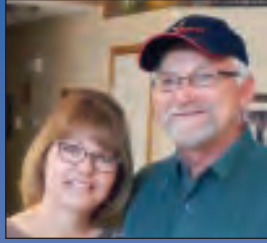
Matt's first week in the hospital was occupied with multiple surgeries but his stubborn, farm-raised body refused to let something like losing his left arm and leg slow him down. He started physical therapy only two weeks into his stay at the hospital and moved home after the third week. He continued therapy as soon as his prosthetics arrived.



# 2014 Farmers Assisted



**Roald & Irene Amundson**  
Alzheimer's Disease  
Redfield, SD



**Larry & Paula Anderson**  
Heart Surgery  
Regent, ND



**Verl & Colleen Bakken**  
Brain Aneurysm  
Velva, ND



**Morris Beck**  
Heart Attack  
Woodworth, ND



**David & Laurie Becking**  
Pneumonia  
Florence, SD



**David & Dawinna Berndt**  
Back Surgery  
White, SD



**Al & Jane Boyum**  
Cancer  
Battle Lake, MN



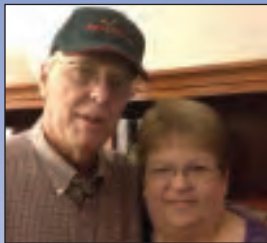
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Cancer  
Beulah, ND



**Ronald & Monica Chase**  
Cancer  
Salem, SD



**Buck & Suzanne Dahlin**  
Farm Accident  
Chester, MT



**John & Sheree Dubbels**  
Cancer  
Fergus Falls, MN



**Leo & Cindy Edwards**  
Heart Surgery  
Plaza, ND



**Lee & Kathy Evavold**  
Cattle Injury  
Battle Lake, MN



**Mathew & Becky Fischer**  
Farm Accident  
Mercer, ND



**Kenny Forster**  
ATV Injury  
Hazen, ND



**Don & Nancy Fougner**  
Farm Accident  
Aneta, ND



**Marge Fuller**  
Medical Issue  
Hitchcock, SD



**Quentin & Delores Georgeson**  
Farm Accident  
New Rockford, ND



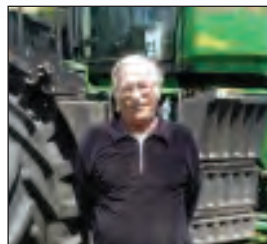
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Cancer  
Peever, SD



**Tim Hartman**  
Shoulder Surgery  
Vining, MN



**Doug & Brenda Hertz**  
Staph Infection  
Wing, ND



**David Hoffert**  
Lung condition  
Rugby, ND



**Marlin & Mary Hruby**  
Shoulder Surgery  
Wilton, ND

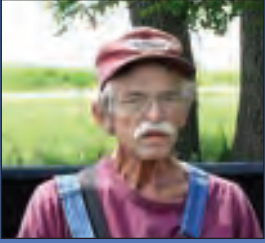


**Jon & Kris Jenson**  
Cancer  
Badger, MN



**Richard & Peggy Kasten**  
Heart Problems  
Hazel, SD

**“We were so focused on Quentin and his recovery, it surprised me when my sister-in-law brought in the application for assistance from Farm Rescue, but they’ve been a lifesaver.” – Delores Georgeson, New Rockford, ND**



**Roger & Deborah King**  
Cancer  
Boone, IA



**Larry & Ann Knecht**  
Cattle Injury  
Gackle, ND



**Gary & Janet Kopecky**  
Cancer  
Orient, SD



**Kevin & Julie Lockard**  
Cancer  
Oelwein, IA



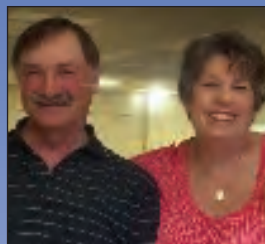
**Don Lynne**  
Cancer  
Turtle Lake, ND



**Michael Moses**  
Kidneys Removed  
Wing, ND



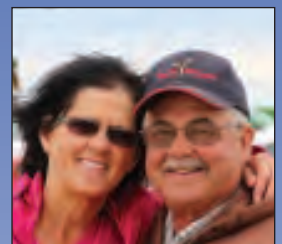
**Gary & Judy Pesall**  
Heart Surgery  
Webster, SD



**Daryl & JoAnne Rademacher**  
Car Accident  
Berthold, ND



**John & Eleanora Renner**  
Back Surgery  
Washburn, ND



**Zack & Marion Roberts**  
Heart Attack  
Garrison, ND



**Les & Mary Ryckman**  
Back Surgery  
Polluck, ND



**John & Marcia Samuelson**  
Farm Accident  
Faith, SD



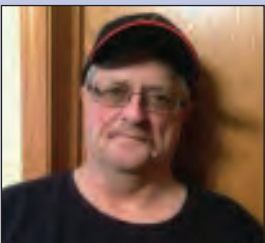
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Shoulder Surgery  
Conde, SD



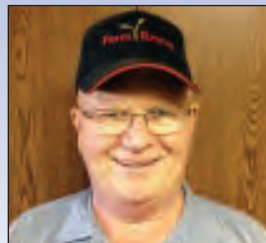
**Landen & Claudia Schooler**  
Shoulder Surgery  
Carlisle, IA



**Lynn Schroeder**  
Medical Issue  
Gackle, ND



**Mike & Lynne Schultz**  
Staph Infection  
Howard, SD



**Lee & Barbara Settingsgard**  
Cancer  
Edmore, ND



**Lincoln Shuck**  
Back Injury  
Union Center, SD



**Bryan & Leah Spiel**  
Car Accident  
Parade, SD



**Robert & Camilla Stover**  
Cancer  
Larimore, ND



**Darlene & Larry Ulrich**  
Shoulder Injury  
Elgin, ND



**Arnold & Elaine Wall**  
Surgery Complications  
Mercer, ND



**Kevin & Lisa Wanzek**  
Broken Collar Bone  
Windsor, ND



**Stephen & Mona Weltz**  
Back Injury  
Jefferson, IA



**Randy Wilson**  
Cancer  
Jamestown, ND

# Thank You

Dear Farm Rescue, Volunteers, and Sponsors

My family wishes to thank Bill Brown for the Farm Rescue organization. Also to the sponsors and the volunteers who agreed to do the spring planting. My husband's illness happened so unexpectedly in March that it was a blessing when Farm Rescue agreed to do the planting. A friend suggested the program to us. We were not familiar with the program. After some consideration I contacted Farm Rescue. We were not sure what to expect. We found wonderful caring people who simply wanted to help. They are very hard working, organized, friendly and willing to donate their time. Thank you very much to the sponsors who are very generous. Along with the volunteers they are the backbone of this program. Having the planting done... was a source of relief. A weight lifted.

God Bless You All.

Mary, Justin, James  
Fuller

Words cannot express how grateful we are for Farm Rescue! What a neat way to pay it forward in times of need. After the blizzard in Oct. that devastated many ranches, we realized how quick a livelihood could change but a month later after Travis' car accident we realized how quick life itself could change. We are truly blessed by God. If there is anyway we can volunteer to help when you get in our area, please don't hesitate to call us.

Thanks so much + God Bless.

Bob, Bryan + Travis Spiel

May God Bless You For Your  
Kindness

Thoughtfulness

Generosity

We thank God for all his blessings each day and for all the people who care enough to share. We are so thankful for Farm Rescue, staff and volunteers for coming to assist with the wheat harvest.

We will always be grateful for all you did to help us. Thanking God for new friendships and the fellowship of Christians. With heartfelt appreciation we thank you.

Larry & Ana Knecht

Dear Farm Rescue,

My Family And I would like to say a big Thank you to your organization for helping us plant our wheat crop. Without your assistance we would not have planted the wheat in a timely manner.

We would like to offer a special thanks to Randy, Dick, and Bill Weaver. Three special people who volunteer their time.

Also a big thank you to your sponsors. Without them the taxes at hand would not get done. In our case RDO Equipment supplied the tractor and drill - A Huge Donation!!

Thanks again for helping us out.

Doug & Brenda  
Hartz

# Volunteers-in-Action

“My favorite thing about volunteering? The people, the communities and the picturesque landscape...this is a very humbling experience indeed” – Aaron Byrd, Waco, TX



## 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 300 families who have been positively impacted, Thank You!



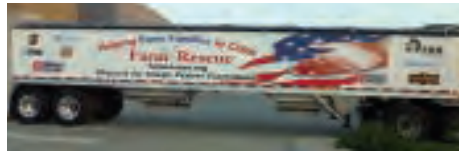
RDO Truck Centers is known for high quality new and used trucks, as well as a full service shop and parts operation. They sell / lease Mack, Volvo, Isuzu and UD trucks. RDO Truck Centers joined on as a sponsor in 2012.



Wilson Trailer is known for customer satisfaction through quality products and services.

The trailers are produced to provide customers with the latest innovations, a long durable service life, and the best in value.

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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.



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.



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.





## 2015 Sponsors

"We take pride in being a Farm Rescue sponsor. Supporting the backbone of America – the farmer – during hard times, is just the right thing to do." –Debbie Kronebush, AKE Safety Equipment

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.

Farm Rescue's board of directors and president are volunteers and receive no monetary compensation. 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
<b>Premier</b>	<b>\$100,000 +</b>	Home Page	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	9
<b>Diamond</b>	<b>\$50,000</b>	Home Page	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	6
<b>Emerald</b>	<b>\$25,000</b>	Sponsor Page	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	3
<b>Platinum</b>	<b>\$10,000</b>	Sponsor Page	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	1
<b>Gold</b>	<b>\$5,000</b>	Sponsor Page	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
<b>Silver</b>	<b>\$2,500</b>	Sponsor Page	✓	✓	✓				
<b>Bronze</b>	<b>\$1,000</b>	Sponsor Page	✓						
<b>Copper</b>	<b>\$500</b>	Sponsor Page							

\* All levels receive Farm Rescue sponsor decals.

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## Bronze Sponsors



**Ypsilanti Equity Elevator**

# Farm Rescue®

## Refer A Farm Family

We encourage sponsors, friends and neighbors to refer a farm family that may be in need of assistance due to a major injury, illness or natural disaster. Farmers are a strong, independent group of people and are sometimes hesitant to ask for assistance. Oftentimes, it is a neighbor or business which anonymously refers a farm family that has experienced a major injury, illness or natural disaster. We then contact the family and see if they could use a helping hand to make it through an unexpected crisis. Farm Rescue is here to help and we all know that everyone needs a helping hand at one time or another in life. Please do not assume that someone else may need the help more than you.

Call 701-252-2017 or visit [farmrescue.org](http://farmrescue.org) to apply for assistance or refer a family in need.

Lend a helping hand by donating \$5 today

TEXT  
**"FARMERS"**  
**TO 20222**

\*A one-time donation of \$5.00 will be added to your mobile phone bill. Messaging & Data Rates May Apply.

[WWW.FARMRESCUE.ORG](http://WWW.FARMRESCUE.ORG)

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## Farm Rescue Banquet

"This may have been my first banquet, but it will not be my last. The love and emotions inside that room are just amazing to feel, and you know that everybody in there just cares about each other so much." – Sue Neisen, Volunteer



### 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 an Alaska Adventure Trip for two. 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](http://farmrescue.org)**

**Ramada Plaza & Suites • Fargo, ND**

**5 p.m. Social • 6 p.m. Dinner**

**November 21, 2015**

**Alaska Adventure Trip!**



**You could win a 2015 Honda FourTrax Rancher or one of six other great prizes!**

**Receive a FREE \$10 Walmart or Pizza Ranch gift card with every raffle ticket purchase!**

It's the Farm Rescue Raffle - an annual fundraising event to be held now through November 21, 2015. Raffle tickets are \$100 each and will be limited to 350 tickets. Odds are 1 in 50 of winning one of the great prizes listed below and you need not be present to win.

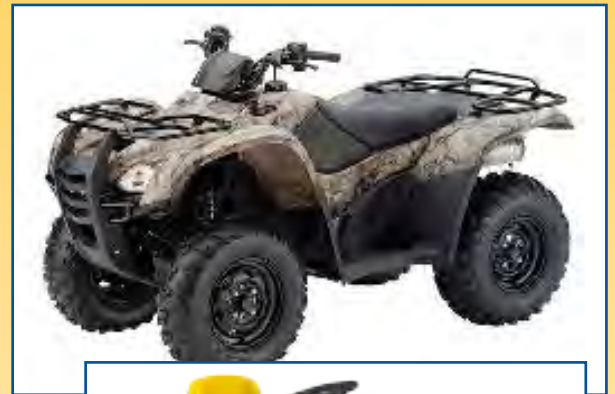
Proceeds from this raffle go to Farm Rescue for use in planting, harvesting, and haying operations to help family farmers in crisis from an unexpected injury, illness or natural disaster.

Buy a ticket and help a great cause! Visit [farmrescue.org](http://farmrescue.org) for complete raffle details and rules.

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

### GREAT PRIZES!

1. Honda FourTrax Rancher™
2. John Deere D105 Riding Lawn Mower
3. Samsung 50" LED HDTV
4. Apple iPad Air - 64GB
5. Apple iPad Mini - 32GB
6. \$500 Walmart Gift Card
7. \$500 Fuel Gift Card



Images may not be representative of actual raffle prizes.

**Farm Rescue has helped hundreds of farm families who have experienced a major injury, illness or natural disaster.**

## **Ways to Lend a Helping Hand**

1. Anonymously refer a family who may be hesitant to ask for assistance
2. Volunteer for Farm Rescue to help farm families
3. Donate vehicles and/or machinery and receive a tax deduction
4. Donate a few bushels to Farm Rescue via your local elevator and receive a tax deduction
5. Make a cash donation and receive a tax deduction
6. Purchase a Farm Rescue Raffle ticket for a chance to win great prizes
7. Attend a Farm Rescue Banquet for fun, food, entertainment and a chance to win an adventure trip
8. Contribute an item for the annual Farm Rescue Silent Auction
9. Provide a meal to feed volunteers helping a farmer in your area
10. Provide lodging for volunteers helping a farmer in your area
11. Purchase Farm Rescue apparel to show your support of our nonprofit organization
12. Sign up for a Farm Rescue credit card
13. Shop at Smile.Amazon.com and choose Farm Rescue as your default charity
14. Shop Walmart online through the Farm Rescue website
15. Share this brochure and tell your friends, family, and neighbors about Farm Rescue
16. Donate using your mobile phone by texting "FARMERS" to 20222 (\* A one-time donation of \$5.00 will be added to your mobile phone bill. Messaging & Data Rates May Apply.)
17. Join us on Facebook, Twitter, and YouTube

***We cannot do it without your support.***



**Farm Rescue®**

***You never know when you may need the help yourself!***

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



## Here to help!

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. Operations are funded by donations, business sponsorships and grants. Experienced volunteers comprise the organization's field workforce.

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](http://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, Farm Rescue 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 300 + farm families.



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