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Farm Rescue Receives \$100,000 Grant From Walmart Foundation

(Jamestown, ND) – Farm Rescue has received a \$100,000 grant from the Walmart Foundation. The organization was voted as the nonprofit of choice among Walmart associates through their Associate Choice Program. This online campaign allows associates to select one nonprofit organization to receive funding within their home state.

Farm Rescue is a 501(C)3 nonprofit organization which provides free planting and harvesting assistance to farm families that have experienced an unexpected major injury, illness or natural disaster. The organization gives families a chance to continue their livelihood by providing equipment and volunteers to plant or harvest crops in a timely manner. Since operations began in 2006, Farm Rescue has assisted 160 farm families across North Dakota, South Dakota, Minnesota and Montana.

Selfless people from fifteen states have traveled to the Upper Midwest to help farm families as volunteers through Farm Rescue. Walmart associates have been among the growing volunteer team. Walmart has been a sponsor since the inception of the nonprofit organization six years ago.

“We are very thankful to be the winner of the Associate Choice Program,” said Bill Gross, Founder & President of Farm Rescue. “I have always said one of the best things about Farm Rescue, is that it creates an avenue for businesses and individuals to help farm families in a time of need. We provide an opportunity for farm families to continue viable operations for future generations. The success of our mission in helping family farmers bridge crises is due to the generosity of our sponsors and volunteers.”

Walmart’s seven-week voting program awarded \$7 million in grants to statewide organizations across the U.S. “We’re pleased that Walmart associates chose to support Farm Rescue,” said John Shafer, store Manager in Jamestown, ND. “It’s a part of our mission to give back in the communities where we operate.”

Walmart and the Walmart Foundation actively support initiatives that are helping people live better around the globe. In May 2010, Walmart and its Foundation made a historic pledge of \$2 billion through 2015 to fight hunger in the U.S. The Walmart Foundation also supports education, workforce development, environmental sustainability, and health and wellness initiatives.

Farm Rescue is currently accepting applications for spring planting assistance. For more information or to make an online donation visit www.farmrescue.org. Farm Rescue, PO Box 1100, Jamestown, ND 58402

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