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## **Farm Rescue Receives \$250,000 Grant from Engelstad Family Foundation** *Funds represent Engelstad Family Foundation's support for farm and ranch families*

**HORACE, N.D., June 5, 2018** - Farm Rescue, a nonprofit organization that provides planting, harvesting, haying and hay hauling assistance free of charge to farm and ranch families who have experienced a major illness, injury or natural disaster, received a grant totaling \$250,000 from the Engelstad Family Foundation.

Funding will be used to support Farm Rescue's mission to assist farm and ranch families who have been stricken by unexpected crises. This generous contribution from the Engelstad Family Foundation comes at an important time, as Farm Rescue just completed its most successful year. One hundred twenty-seven farm and ranch families received assistance in 2017, which is more than double the total of any previous year.

"Our goal is to offer time-sensitive services in an efficient manner to help the maximum number of rural families in a time of need," said Bill Gross, Founder & President, Farm Rescue. "Farm Rescue will be able to accomplish this through the generous support of the Engelstad Family Foundation. We are proud to partner with the Engelstad Family Foundation to further our mission."

"I understand the need for assistance having grown up on the Stocker family farm in East Grand Forks. We commend all Farm Rescue volunteers for their charitable work and know they are helping those that would turn around and help them if it was needed. You are wished good fortune for the agricultural seasons of 2018," said Betty Engelstad, Trustee, Engelstad Family Foundation.

### ***About Farm Rescue***

Farm Rescue has helped more than 550 families since its inception in 2006. The organization's mission is to help farmers and ranchers who have experienced a major illness, injury or natural disaster by providing the necessary equipment and manpower to plant, hay or harvest their crop. Livestock feeding assistance is also available to ranchers. Farm Rescue helps farm and ranch families in North Dakota, South Dakota, Minnesota, Montana, Nebraska and Iowa. Applications are currently being accepted for fall harvest assistance, which can be obtained at 701-252-2017 or [www.farmrescue.org](http://www.farmrescue.org). Referrals are welcome.

### ***About the Engelstad Family Foundation***

The Engelstad Family Foundation is a Private Independent Foundation based in Las Vegas, Nevada. The organization has a substantial history of philanthropy and has had a positive impact on many people and groups throughout the United States.

Before his passing in 2002, Ralph Engelstad and his wife, Betty, created the Engelstad Family Foundation as an entity for their family to redirect assets to meet the needs of others. Engelstad, a self-made man, was the owner of the Imperial Palace Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas, one of the largest privately-owned hotels in the world, as well as other properties.

Since its inception, the Engelstad Family Foundation has donated well over \$200 million to support causes in Nevada, Minnesota, Mississippi and North Dakota.

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