

*Annual Brochure*



# Farm Rescue®

Helping Farm & Ranch Families in Crisis

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



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

Services include • planting • haying • harvesting  
• livestock feeding assistance • commodity and hay hauling







## *Message from the Founder and President*

Farm Rescue has assisted nearly 800 farm and ranch families throughout a seven-state service area with a mission that is built upon compassion, humility and respect. We strive to provide an opportunity for continued viable operations to those afflicted by major injury, illness or natural disaster. This can only be accomplished through the synergies we have from working together.

The combination of common interests, common values and complementary talents defines the potential for team synergy. This is precisely what propels the mission of Farm Rescue forward with greater and greater momentum each subsequent year. Whether you are a donor, employee, sponsor or volunteer, the synergy we have created together is real.

The positive impact created by this synergy is far reaching as a humanitarian mission to help those experiencing unexpected crises, as well as fostering economic vitality within rural communities. Hundreds of farm families have praised our mission as a godsend. We are truly honored to help the hard-working farmers and ranchers of America.

Farm Rescue faced substantial challenges due to the COVID-19 pandemic and therefore, fewer cases were completed than in recent years. We had significant difficulty in securing qualified volunteers from throughout the United States due to travel and quarantine restrictions. This resulted in smaller teams at each case which slowed our progress. However, I am pleased to announce that we are on track to complete twice as many cases in 2021 than we did in 2020.

Thank you for supporting our mission in a steadfast and prayerful manner.

Sincerely,

Bill Gross





# Stories of Assistance

**PAUL AND RENEE IVESDAL** – Edmore, ND: The dedication and hard work required to sustain a family farm for more than a century is difficult to fathom, and the thought of having everything you’ve built come crashing down due to an unexpected illness can be terrifying. This was the reality for Paul and Renee Ivesdal in the spring of 2020, when Paul was diagnosed with COVID-19. After a lengthy hospital stay, with time spent on a ventilator and some long-lasting effects on his mobility, Paul found himself in the midst of planting season without a solution for completing his necessary work. The Ivesdals decided it was time to contact Farm Rescue. Volunteers and equipment arrived in late-May to ensure the family’s wheat and canola crops would be planted in time. This allowed Paul to continue his recovery and prepare for the harvest ahead. “There was a lot of pride that was instilled when we were young to get this stuff done ourselves, but it’s just humbling that there’s an organization around to do this. Because Farm Rescue showed up, there will be another day,” Paul said.



Paul Ivesdal



Greg Staatz

**GREG AND KAREN STAATZ** – Abilene, KS: There is no such thing as a convenient time for injury to occur, but when Greg Staatz sustained severe leg trauma at the outset of his 2020 wheat harvest, you could say it was less than ideal. Greg was tackling some fence work on his Abilene, KS farm when his leg became entangled in a post hole digging machine. With multiple breaks sustained and weeks of recovery ahead, he knew some help would be needed. Thanks to local John Deere dealer, PrairieLand Partners – who had recently teamed up with Farm Rescue to launch assistance operations in the state of Kansas – Greg became aware of the nonprofit’s services. Soon after his application was submitted, Farm Rescue volunteers and equipment arrived at the Staatz farm to help bring in the family’s wheat crop. Several PrairieLand employees also pitched in to support Farm Rescue’s very first assistance case in the newly added state. “This put an ease on my mind, so there’s light at the end of the tunnel. I’m relieved,” Greg said.

**JOEL AND KARMELL NEWMAN** – Sawyer, ND: Farm Rescue is honored to provide assistance to family farms in the midst of major crises, with hopes they may extend their farming legacy for generations to come. This was the mission when operations first began in 2006, and it has remained unchanged throughout each milestone in the organization’s history. In the summer of 2020, Farm Rescue reached another important benchmark by assisting its 700th farm family. The fourth-generation farm of Joel and Karmell Newman near Sawyer, ND was the site of this historic event. Joel had recently undergone liver and bile duct resection surgery, which required a recovery period of around two months. The timing of the surgery and rehabilitation greatly interfered with the Newmans’ harvest operations and Farm Rescue volunteers were privileged to provide support during the family’s busy wheat season. Joel continued his recovery and is anxious to return to the field in 2021. His son, Carter, also plans to continue operations as the fifth generation on the Newman farm. “The gratitude from our family to yours is beyond what we can express in words. All we can say is thank you,” Joel said.



Joel, Karmell and Carter Newman



## 2020 Farmers & Ranchers Assisted



Lori & Rob Ash  
Illness  
Bristol, South Dakota



Dennis Bauer  
Cancer  
Bowbells, North Dakota



Jeff & Sherry Borgheiinck  
Cancer  
Browns Valley, Minnesota



Roland, Toni & Andrew Bromley  
Cancer  
Drake, North Dakota



Sam & Renae Brossart  
Cancer  
Rugby, North Dakota



John & Kimberly Cook  
Broken Leg  
Valley City, North Dakota



Ron Decker  
Cancer  
Belfield, North Dakota



Dennis & Corrine Flemmer  
Fire  
Zap, North Dakota



Joe & Amelia Haman  
Illness  
Rugby, North Dakota



Paul & Renee Ivesdal  
COVID-19  
Edmore, North Dakota



Jason & Becky Johnson  
Cancer  
Sharon, North Dakota



Donald & Lynn Karst  
Illness  
Hoven, South Dakota



Monty & Terri Kline  
Cancer  
Hurdsfield, North Dakota



Alton & Tammy Lien  
Broken Arm  
Regent, North Dakota



Darrie Lindberg  
Stroke  
Stanley, North Dakota

"I feel very appreciative to be able to participate in something like this. If you ever get the opportunity to help, certainly volunteer, because there's always somebody out there who needs it."

- Sharon Hanson, Volunteer



## 2020 Farmers & Ranchers Assisted



Barry & Holly Mawby  
Cancer  
Esmond, North Dakota



Steven Meland  
Illness  
Sioux Falls, South Dakota



Bill & Bonnie Meuchel  
ATV Accident  
New Salem, North Dakota



Brad & Jesse Mitzel  
Multiple Sclerosis  
Rugby, North Dakota



Derek & Cari Morey  
Illness  
Minot, North Dakota



Clay & Claudine Mullin  
Stroke  
Lambert, Montana



Joel & Karmell Newman  
Liver Surgery  
Sawyer, North Dakota



Corey & Susie Nitschke  
Broken Ribs & Shoulder  
Jud, North Dakota



Corey & Joan Refshaw  
Cancer  
Mahnomen, Minnesota



Clarence & Nola Roth  
Hip Surgery  
New Leipzig, North Dakota



Jerry & Jean Schaefer  
Back Surgery  
Des Lacs, North Dakota



David & Tina Skjoldal  
ATV Accident  
Elgin, North Dakota



Greg & Karen Staatz  
Broken Leg  
Abilene, Kansas



Lorenzo Strand  
Fractured Neck  
Nome, North Dakota



Steven & Mary Swanhorst  
ATV Accident  
Chelsea, South Dakota



La Moyne & Cynthia Vossler  
Cancer  
Mercer, North Dakota

### Not Pictured

Randy & Brandon Friez  
Illness  
Mott, North Dakota

George & Gloria Lawler  
Cancer  
Linton, North Dakota

Dale & Jane Seppanen  
Knee Injury  
Waubay, South Dakota

Larry & Darlene Ulrich  
Broken Arm  
Elgin, North Dakota



# Thank You

Dear Farm Rescue:  
Thank you so much for your assistance with our wheat harvest. We are grateful beyond words! Such a great organization with such dedicated volunteers! We are sorry ~~if~~ we were unable to meet them but our family members spoke very highly of them. Again we thank you all from the bottom of our hearts!  
Jenny Jean Schoefel  
and family

To: Farm Rescue  
From: Darrie Lindberg

I would like to extend my sincere thanks to Farm Rescue on their prompt ~~help~~ attention in helping me get my hay up. Thank you to Albert on working late and baling when there was rain in the forecast. I greatly appreciate the work and promptness that Farm Rescue does for all farmers and ranchers in their time of need during an illness.

Dear Farm Rescue:

Where do we begin to send our thanks to you, your sponsors, and your volunteers? We are so grateful for the help we received this spring.

It was people like Luke, Lynn, Stephanie, Emil, Kenneth, relatives, and friends who made 2020 planting successful. We couldn't have done it without you. And as a BIG bonus, the crops are looking very good!

Paul was hit with Covid19 on March 23<sup>rd</sup>. He was on life supports in critical care at Sanford, Fargo, until April 13<sup>th</sup>. Then he made the trip to Vibra, an acute care hospital (they rent the 7<sup>th</sup> floor of the new Sanford), where he got some of his strength back. From there he moved to Sanford Rehab on May 4<sup>th</sup> until May 21<sup>st</sup>. After May 21<sup>st</sup> he was able to walk with cane assistance, but would have never been able to have the strength or endurance to get into any farm equipment. He just finished his outpatient rehab on July 29<sup>th</sup> ... hopefully strong enough to get our harvest in!! I was able to see him on May 4<sup>th</sup> during the transfer to rehab ... first time since dropping him off at the emergency room in Langdon on March 23<sup>rd</sup>. Covid19 Sucks and Isolation Sucks! Prayers were being said near and far for Paul and our good Lord answered them.

We are so blessed that Farm Rescue approved our application and the volunteers were willing and able to help out. We had lots of people offering help but Emil and Kenneth showed up just when we needed them while others were still busy with their own planting. Again, thanks so much - we appreciate you!

Sincerely,

*Renee Ivesdal*

Ivesdal Farms (Renee Ivesdal)



To the Farm Rescue staff and  
volunteers, specifically, Tim  
Sullivan, Mary Gatz and  
volunteers Alan Sullivan and  
Rick Davidson;

On behalf of my son Greg  
Statz (the 5th generation to farm  
our land), my brother Alan  
Anderson, and the rest of my  
immediate family, Thank you  
from our hearts for your  
assistance with our wheat harvest.

We're grateful for your dedication  
to this amazing organization. All of the  
hard work you put in over a week and  
the sacrifice from your own farms and  
families, and basic general kindness,  
which uplifted us, and many of our  
neighbors, proving that there is good  
going on in this country. The human  
spirit is very much alive!

Again, thank you. You'll forever  
be a part of our hearts and prayers  
going forward. May God Bless  
each and everyone of you richly!

Sincerely Barbara Statz

Thank you for all  
your help. it has  
meant the world to us!

One day I would like to  
Volunteer and help too.

Great organization!

Thank you and God Bless!

Cory, Essie, Stacy, Shane  
& Dillon

Thank you for your time  
and effort to provide help  
with our wheat harvest. It  
is people like you who define  
"community" Best Wishes to  
everyone involved with Farm  
Rescue and you provide this  
awesome service to farmers in  
crisis Sincerely, Coley & Joann  
Ketchum



## The Angels in Blue: Our Compassionate Volunteers

A collage of 20 photographs showing Farm Rescue volunteers in blue shirts working with various agricultural equipment like tractors, harvesters, and trucks in rural settings. The photos are arranged in an overlapping, non-linear fashion. Key elements include: volunteers standing next to green John Deere tractors and harvesters; a white pickup truck with 'Farm Rescue' branding; a large white semi-trailer with 'Helping Farm Families in Crisis Farm Rescue' and 'BUSCH' logos; volunteers in blue shirts and caps; and various farm scenes including fields, barns, and silos. The overall theme is the dedication of volunteers to supporting farm families in crisis.



"Our volunteers are all good people, they really are. They have a heart of service and if you didn't have that, you wouldn't be helping. If I'm healthy, I want to serve as long as I can."  
– David Frueh, Volunteer





## Become a Sponsor of Farm Rescue



**Helping Farmers & Ranchers in Crisis**

# Farm Rescue®

**farmrescue.org**

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**MILLENNIAL FARMER** Proud Sponsor of **Farm Rescue®**

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 ranchers and farmers. Donations are used to pay for the many expenses associated with planting, haying, harvesting and livestock feeding assistance operations. Supporters of Farm Rescue can feel confident that their donation is directly helping farm and ranch families experiencing an unexpected crisis.

		<b>Farm Rescue®</b> <b>PUBLIC RECOGNITION OF FARM RESCUE SPONSORSHIP</b> <small>YOUR LOGO PLACED ON FARM RESCUE...</small>								
		WEBSITE W/LINK	BROCHURES	SPONSOR BANNER	SOCIAL MEDIA	SPONSOR VIDEO	VEHICLE(S)	SEMI TRAILER(S)	BANQUET PROMOTIONS	BILLBOARDS PER YEAR
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SIGNATURE	\$100,000	HOME PAGE	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	6
DIAMOND	\$50,000	HOME PAGE	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		4
EMERALD	\$25,000	HOME PAGE	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		2
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.

"Helping Farm Rescue is another mechanism for us to help our member owners in a time of a great need. CHS is proud to be part of Farm Rescue's efforts."

- Brad Haugeberg, General Manager, CHS SunPrairie



## Equipment Sponsors



# JOHN DEERE

John Deere joined our family of sponsors in 2019. Farm Rescue is honored to partner with this worldwide equipment manufacturer to support farm families in crisis. Their quality equipment has served us well in accomplishing our mission for the past 15 years.



"John Deere and Farm Rescue share something special—our work is driven by a commitment to empower the livelihoods of farmers. For John Deere, it's about the machines, technologies and services that enable farmers to become more profitable and sustainable, despite the challenges and uncertainty they face. For Farm Rescue, it's providing a rich system of support including machines and volunteers that lend a hand when farmers and their families face an unexpected situation that threatens their very livelihoods."

*- Nate Clark, President, John Deere Foundation*

## Participating John Deere Dealerships





## Equipment Sponsors



Haybuster, a division of DuraTech Industries, is instrumental in Farm Rescue's livestock feeding assistance. Their specialty lies in manufacturing hay processing and handling equipment, as well as other agricultural and industrial products. The company was a founding sponsor, and continues to provide financial support, balebusters and CMF-series Vertical Mixers to aid in livestock feeding efforts. We value their continued unwavering support of our mission.



RDO Truck Centers is known for high quality new and used trucks, as well as a full service shop and parts operation. They sell and lease Mack, Volvo, Isuzu and UD trucks. We are thankful for RDO Truck Centers sponsoring semi-trucks since 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. We are thankful for Wilson Trailer sponsoring commodity trailers since in 2012.

*"Service to others is the rent you pay for your room here on earth."*

*- Muhammad Ali*



## Equipment Sponsors



Puklich Chevrolet, based in Bismarck, ND, is a family-owned business founded in 1984. The dealership established Farm Rescue's trademark fleet of Chevy trucks. They have been a loyal and steadfast sponsor since 2008.



The Ryan name is synonymous with auto dealerships in Minot, Mandan and Williston, ND. This family-owned dynasty has been a strong and generous sponsor since 2008.



[HeartlandChevyDealer.com](http://HeartlandChevyDealer.com)

Twenty auto dealerships in the Red River Valley of Minnesota and North Dakota comprise the Heartland Chevy Dealers. They have been dedicated and dependable truck sponsors since 2008.



LEE BROS. SALES INC.



"If a farmer gets injured, oftentimes either the family picks up the slack or it doesn't get done. For an organization like Farm Rescue to roll in and take that load off of their shoulders, it's just amazing to me."

- Scott Sloan, Ag Products Manager, Titan Tire



## Premier Sponsors



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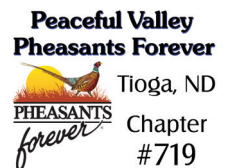




## Emerald Sponsors



## Platinum Sponsors



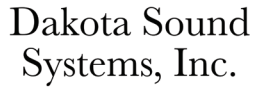


## Gold Sponsors





## Silver Sponsors





## Bronze Sponsors



"This is their livelihood and it's a good shot in the arm, I think, to help them. Us volunteers, we can step in and fill their shoes a bit to give them a little slack."

- Kenny Crites, Volunteer



## Bronze Sponsors Continued



# Thank You

## TO OUR ENTIRE FAMILY OF SPONSORS!

"Helping one person might not change the world, but it could change the world for one person."

- Anonymous



## Farm Rescue Staff

"Nothing can make our life, or the lives of other people, more beautiful than perpetual kindness."  
- Leo Tolstoy



### **Dan Erdmann – Program Manager**

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Dan oversees general operations, as well as overall marketing strategies and sponsor recognition to include: videography, website updates and media relations.

701-412-6926 • dan@farmrescue.org

### **Stephanie Hasbargen – Office Manager**

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Stephanie handles many important behind-the-scenes tasks to include: bookkeeping, DOT compliance and data entry.

701-212-0231 • stephanie@farmrescue.org



### **Tim Sullivan – Sr. Development Officer**

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Tim oversees and maintains all fundraising efforts to include: business sponsorships, individual donations, grants and fundraisers.

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### **Kallin Baarstad – Multimedia Specialist**

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Kallin is our commander of multimedia outreach and promotions to include: social media, photography, videography, editing and sponsorship recognition.

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### **Luke Benedict – Sr. Field Operations Manager**

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Luke is responsible for field operations to include: volunteer coordination & training, and equipment movement & maintenance. He also assists in fundraising.

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### **Genita Limke – Volunteer Coordinator**

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Genita is our volunteer coordinator and administrative guru to include: volunteer processing & compliance, record keeping & data maintenance and administrative training.

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### **Neil Simons – Field Operations Manager**

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Neil helps facilitate operations in the field and organizational outreach to include: volunteer training, equipment movement & maintenance, fundraising and partnership development, with special emphasis on our southern service territory.

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# Farm Rescue® COMBINE FUNDRAISER

WITH A GIFT OF \$250 OR MORE, YOUR NAME WILL BE PLACED ON THE MACHINE

**YOUR NAME HERE**



## Provide a Harvest of Hope for Families in Crisis

### THE GOAL

Farm Rescue is raising funds for the purchase of a John Deere Combine. We are calling on all of our supporters to help us provide a Harvest of Hope for families in crisis through a gift designated for this equipment.

### MAXIMIZE YOUR GIFT

Farm Rescue recently secured additional matching funds from several business donors to assist in the purchase of this vital machine. We are excited to announce –

Any donations made before the end of 2021 will be maximized thanks to the support of these generous sponsors!

### THANK YOU!

Your gift means the world to each of the families we serve. Farm Rescue has assisted 700+ farmers since its inception, and with your faithful support, we will continue assisting crisis-stricken families.

- Visit [FarmRescue.org/Donate](https://FarmRescue.org/Donate) and choose “Combine Fund”
- Mail check to Farm Rescue, P.O. Box 28, Horace, ND 58047  
(Include “Combine Fund” and featured name on memo line)



#### Donate!

Gifts of any size are needed and valued.



#### Share!

Invite others to provide a Harvest of Hope for families in crisis.



#### #BeAFarmRescuer

Welcome to the Family!  
We depend on each other to keep agriculture strong.



## Media Highlights

Despite a stranger-than-average year for our operations, Farm Rescue was still blessed to receive some media recognition on both the local and national stage:

### The Farm Must Go On by John Deere

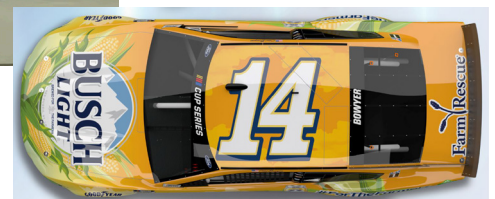


Farm Rescue was honored to be featured as the main beneficiary of a first-of-its-kind virtual concert event called *The Farm Must Go On by John Deere*, which broadcast live on YouTube and drove donations to support our efforts.



### Busch Beer "Corn Can"

Busch Beer expanded their support of our organization with a portion of their "Corn Can" sales benefitting Farm Rescue operations and our launch into the state of Kansas. They helped drive further awareness for our nonprofit by featuring the Farm Rescue logo on two "Corn Cars" during a NASCAR race at Atlanta Motor Speedway.





## Media Highlights

### Making Good, with host Kirby Heyborne



Farm Rescue was highlighted as a featured nonprofit on the BYU-TV series *Making Good*, with host Kirby Heyborne volunteering on one of our harvest assistance crews. This case also happened to be our 700th assisted family.



### WGN NewsNation

WGN NewsNation made the trip from Chicago, IL to Chelsea, SD to film a feature story about our volunteers and their Good Samaritan efforts for a family during corn harvest.





# 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, harvesting or livestock feeding assistance free of charge for farm and ranch families who have experienced a major illness, injury or natural disaster. Services also include hay and grain hauling. 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 seven-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 in rural communities. We help maintain stability so future generations may continue farming and ranching.

## 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 via mail, fax or online.
3. Upon approval, we will provide notification of the proposed arrival date.
4. Equipment and/or experienced volunteers will be mobilized to help you.



## Farm Rescue

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