



Message from the Founder and President

Helping others in their time of need is always a worthy act. This is as true now as it was in biblical times. I truly believe that serving as a good Samaritan is always the best course of action. Farm Rescue was founded on these noble and timeless principles.

The mission of Farm Rescue is critical and demand for our assistance services has increased each of the fifteen years since I founded the organization. Together, we have assisted 700+ farm and ranch families in their darkest hour.

The success of our mission is directly attributed to a team of dedicated staff and volunteers who are able to mobilize throughout the region, thanks to the loyal support of individual donors, grantors and sponsors. Sponsor and volunteer retention rates year-over-year are 90% and 70%, respectively. These numbers are clear indicators of the unwavering support for our mission.



The rate of farm and ranch families who have maintained operations three years after our assistance is 97%. There is no doubt that we are achieving our objective: to provide an opportunity for farm and ranch families who have experienced a major injury, illness or natural disaster to continue their livelihood.

Each donor, sponsor and volunteer contributes greatly to the positive impact we have in the lives of others during their time of unexpected crisis. We are extremely thankful to all supporters of Farm Rescue.

Thank you for being a good Samaritan... a Farm Rescuer!

Sincerely,

Bill Gross



Stories of Assistance

WILLARD AND ANTHONY RUZICKA – Verdigre, NE: Imagine more than 150 years' worth of family history being swept away in just a few short hours. That was the heartbreaking reality for the sixth-generation Ruzicka farm near Verdigre, NE in the spring of 2019. After receiving an early morning phone call, warning them of the nearby Spencer Dam collapse, Willard Ruzicka, his wife, Denise, and son, Anthony, grabbed whatever they could carry and evacuated their homes. The rush of water released on the Niobrara River and a sea of massive ice chunks destroyed nearly all of their operation. With some of their cattle remaining to care for, the Ruzickas began a tremendous cleanup effort and vowed to rebuild their family's legacy. They were one of many families to receive hay and supplies through Farm Rescue's "Operation Hay Lift". This relief effort was launched to provide support to ranchers in the wake of catastrophic flooding in portions of Nebraska, Iowa and South Dakota.



Willard and Anthony Ruzicka



Connie and Bob Hermann

BOB AND CONNIE HERMANN – Lemmon, SD: The windows of opportunity are often narrow in the world of farming, so when the unexpected happens, it can create many issues for an operation. When Bob Hermann was diagnosed with stage 4 pancreatic cancer, he and his wife, Connie, knew they needed some help in reaping what had been sown throughout the spring. In July of 2019, they contacted Farm Rescue to assist with their harvest. Our volunteers took great pride in finishing the Hermann's wheat crop and hauling hay in from their fields, which allowed Bob to focus on his battle and recovery. "We will never forget what Farm Rescue did for us. They truly exemplify the spirit of America – helping one another in a time of need," Connie said.

LEVI AND JESS BOEHM – McClusky, ND: It was a ride that began like any other for Jess Boehm and one of her most trusted horses, as the pair took a warmup lap around their farmyard in early July 2019. A sudden loss of footing sent the horse to its side and slammed Jess against the ground. Her loss of consciousness prompted her husband, Levi, to call for an ambulance. After a week in the intensive care unit, and another week and a half in a Bismarck hospital, the Boehms traveled to Craig Hospital in Colorado to continue Jess' rehab from a traumatic brain injury. With an unknown timeline for recovery and harvest fast-approaching, Levi gave a family friend the green light to contact Farm Rescue. Our Angels in Blue were honored to assist the Boehms with their barley and wheat harvest. Miraculously, Jess and Levi returned home ahead of schedule to reunite with their 3 young daughters and resume harvest operations. "There's really no good word to describe what Farm Rescue does for people, except just – awesome," Jess said.



Levi and Jess Boehm



Jon Abegglen Flood Columbus, NE



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Dan Hromas Flood Grand Island, NE



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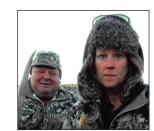
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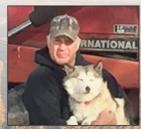
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Karla Knobbe
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Leroy McCarthy
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Dean Volk Flood Battle Creek, NE



"In the spring of 2019, portions of Nebraska and the surrounding region were devastated by catastrophic flooding. Farm Rescue and its amazing family of volunteers were proud to respond with Operation Hay Lift. This relief effort helped deliver much-needed cattle feed and supplies to many flood-stricken ranchers. As donations poured in from across the United States to fund this campaign, dozens of other ranchers from surrounding states showed their support through donations of hay, equipment and other critical items. Thank you to all who contributed to this tremendous assistance effort!"

"People just don't know what farm country goes through and what Farm Rescue does for them. It's definitely a very emotional experience for me and it's very close to my heart."

- Erv Geisler, Volunteer

Thank You

Pear Farmers and Ranchers Thankyou for taking all ha hay from North Dakota and South Dakoto to Nebraska. I like it that you did that. You did the hand work and then gave away your hay. One guy on the news said poople are the hands and feet of Jesus. You are very good neigh bors to our state. The animals are going to love it! You are helping to keep them a live I am from Nebraska: Thank you forcaring formystate. Sincerely Gadisa Starkey

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It's difficult to put words to the emotion that went through our hearts.

When that big truck load of supplies came rolling into the yard.

After the horrible spring we and others experienced,

it was a big part of what kept us going on.

Thanks to all of you for what you do!

- Russell Bloom

Dear Farm Rescue staff, workers and sponsors,

We looked out the window and the Farm Rescue men and combine had arrived. We are overwhelmed with gratitude to think of the help that is at our ranch/farm to help in this time of need. To have help so graciously given to us at this very difficult time is an undesirable blessing. Thank you, Farm Rescue.

When John and his crew loaded up the combine and left the yard after the wheat crop was harvested and hay bales were moved to the hay corral, we felt like we could go on and manage the remaining farm

There are times when words can not express the heartfelt appreciation and thanks. With appreciation

Our son who lives off the ranch said that is what he wants to do when he retires, help farmers and ranchers in crises. Kind Regards,

The Hermann family

Bob and Connie Hermann

Ryan, Tina, Walker and Weston Hermann

Thanks to all you guys who put this all together.

It was a God given blessing to have been selected to receive these gifts.

It brings tears when I think of the generosity shown.

Take care and God bless you all.

- Kevin Uhing

Farm Rescue team you for your kindness in there is help out there when you are in need. It is es Plessingie to you all.

The Angels in Blue: Our Compassionate Volunteers



"Volunteering for this organization is great because you actually get to see and work on getting the things done that really mean a lot to people who are in need in farming communities." – *Tom Meyer, Volunteer*



Become a 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.

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"This is the perfect way to give back to your community by supporting Farm Rescue, who gives back to our communities by supporting agriculture."

- Blaine DesLauriers, Vice Chairman, First International Bank & Trust

Equipment Sponsors



Gooseneck Implement joined our family of sponsors in 2018. The John Deere retailer employs nearly 400 people and serves the communities of western North Dakota. This makes for a strong partnership between Farm Rescue and Gooseneck Implement, as both organizations serve farmers and ranchers throughout the same region. We are honored to have Gooseneck Implement as a major sponsor.



PrairieLand Partners is Farm Rescue's newest equipment sponsor for 2020. They are the largest John Deere dealership in central and southeast Kansas, with more than 400 employees in 15 locations. They have partnered with us to provide 2 combines for harvest assistance operations in Kansas and throughout our service area. We are privileged to welcome them into our family of equipment sponsors.



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 14 years.

Participating John Deere Dealerships















"It's about being our brother's keeper. It's about showing love in a different way. Sometimes that's hard for folks, but when you show up and you help people that are in need, it's a difference maker."

- Marissa Nehlsen, Owner, Freedom Financial Group

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.

"Help one another. There's no time like the present, and no present like the time."

- James Durst

Equipment Sponsors



Puklich Chevrolet, a family-owned business founded in 1984, 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. This family-owned dynasty has been a strong and generous sponsor since 2008.



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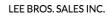






























"As long as Farm Rescue continues to be in the business of supporting our area farmers, then Ryan Chevrolet and Ryan Family Dealerships will stand shoulder-to-shoulder with them."

- Kathy Gaddie, Owner, Ryan Chevrolet

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"It gives you pride in your country again. Kudos to everybody that steps up to the plate and says, 'I'll give a hand where a hand is needed.' That's what it's all about. That's rural America."

— Lee Van Ruler, Volunteer

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"Volunteers do not necessarily have the time; they just have the heart."

— Elizabeth Andrew

Farm Rescue Staff



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Dan oversees general operations, as well as overall marketing strategies and sponsor recognition to include: videography, website, social media and media relations. 701-412-6926 • dan@farmrescue.org

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Luke Benedict — Field Operations Manager

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"Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot, nothing is going to get better. It's not."

- Dr. Seuss







In late 2018, Farm Rescue launched a fundraising campaign to assist in the purchase of two 4-wheel-drive John Deere tractors to power Farm Rescue's planting assistance operations.

This effort provided a unique opportunity for individual donors, grantors and business sponsors to help further our mission. The names of those donors are now proudly displayed on the machines, as they continue planting seeds of hope for farm families in crisis.

We are truly humbled by the outpouring of support we received throughout this campaign. Our mission would not be possible without each and every one of you!

Farm Rescue plans to launch a similar fundraising campaign in late 2020 to assist in the purchase of a combine for our harvest assistance operations. Please consider a donation of \$250 or more and we would be honored to add YOUR name to this life-changing machine!

THANK YOU TO THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS, ORGANIZATIONS AND BUSINESSES FOR SUPPORTING THIS CAMPAIGN:

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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, having, having, 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 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.









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