

Program providers work one-on-one with a farmer whose world has been upended by a sudden disability. A rural rehabilitation specialist assesses the home and farming operation, recommending ways to make movement possible and work accessible. Changes may include more accommodating home improvements, adaptations to hand tool and livestock handling equipment, farm machinery modifications or installation of remote control switches. For farmers who unfortunately experience a disabling accident or illness, Iowa Rural Solutions provides a way for them to retain self-sufficiency, earn a living for themselves and their families while continuing to contribute to their communities.

"We would not be able to deliver this valuable resource for farmers with disabilities – which offers for some the only hope of staying on the farm – without support from organizations like the Iowa Farm Bureau Foundation."

*Shenri Nielsen
President/CEO
Easter Seals Iowa*

The Iowa Farm Bureau Foundation regularly helps fund farm safety instruction for farmers and farm safety camps for children.

The Iowa Farm Bureau Foundation Mission. Building Iowa's values by recognizing and responding to significant changes in Iowa – those that fundamentally affect families and communities.

An investment in sustaining farm income.

The financial health of Iowa farm families is the critical link to our prosperity statewide. Because Iowa depends on a fair return for the labors of every farmer, the Iowa Farm Bureau Foundation makes farm income a funding priority. Training, access to data and up-to-date information are key components of the Foundation's efforts to help our farm economy prosper. We support education programs and seminars that deliver fresh insights into new technology developments, best practices and vital estate and business planning strategies. Foundation support may take the form of direct funding to educators, or tuition assistance – for example, tuition support for farm business management classes. When farm income is stable, Iowa's future is more secure. It's one of the most important investments we can make as Iowans devoted to the success of our next generation.

Contribute to a more prosperous Iowa today – support the good work of people all over our state who are devoted to rural community progress.

Is there a doctor in the house? Or at least within 30 miles?

Timely access to quality medical care should be a privilege enjoyed by every Iowan. Yet rural areas face tough economic challenges in attracting medical providers and establishing clinical operations. The Iowa Farm Bureau Foundation devotes considerable energy to improving medical access and resources for our rural communities, developing ways to attract quality health care professionals. The Foundation offers yearly scholarships to graduating medical students specializing in family practice. With your contribution, we can help remove the financial obstacle that can stand in the way of prospective doctors choosing to practice family medicine in our smaller communities.



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the rural neighbors
we serve.*



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Iowa Values . . . Shared.

At the heart of Iowa's rural identity is our willingness to reach out to neighbors in need. The Iowa Farm Bureau Foundation makes it our mission to be actively involved in helping sustain Iowa rural families and communities, giving back to the very people most responsible for Iowa's strength and good standing in the world. We identify ways to make the most efficient use of our funding support that will return the greatest impact – helping a son of the land stay on the farm after a debilitating injury . . . offering timely assistance to a flood-ravaged main street business owner . . . training a young couple in new, profitable livestock management practices . . . keeping the doctor's office open for small town residents.

Our mission is simple: improve the quality of life for rural Iowans. Our method is transparent and effective: put 100% of donor contributions into action within Iowa borders to bolster farm income, support education and farm safety programs and improve the health of the people who built this state.

With your financial support, the Iowa Farm Bureau Foundation can deliver real benefits that make a difference in the lives of those who create our envied lifestyle – the rural families and communities of Iowa.

A helping hand for our rural neighbors.

A successful support system depends on dedicated people on the ground – the bridge between dollars and delivery of services. The Iowa Farm Bureau Foundation is fortunate to call many of Iowa's frontline providers our friends. These organizations share our commitment to providing effective farm income, health and education programs “river to river”, from Davenport to Sioux City and all points between. We can find a way to help. We know the people who can make it happen. All we need is your continued support to help us identify needs and respond with positive solutions.

The Iowa Academy of Family Physicians Foundation (IAFPF) Farm Bureau Foundation Scholarship in Family Medicine seeks to encourage residents, after graduating from an Iowa family medicine residency program, to pursue a medical career in Iowa communities under 10,000 population. Four \$2,500 scholarships are awarded annually.



"I grew up on a farm and understand the challenges rural families face obtaining healthcare. The Rural Family Medicine Scholarship relieved some student debt pressure, which gave me the chance to practice in a rural community. Now I can focus on bringing quality healthcare to the people in Jones County."

*Dr. Jenny Butler Stephen, M.D.
Anamosa, Iowa*

Keeping them on the farm.

Easter Seals and the Iowa Farm Bureau Foundation.

Farming is more than an occupation – it's a way of life, a treasured relationship with a place and a portion of land that's often been nurtured by four or five generations of one family. A disabling injury that keeps a farmer from his or her labor means not just the loss of a job, but the surrendering of meaningful purpose and perhaps even economic disaster for the family. The Iowa Farm Bureau Foundation works to help farmers with disabilities keep farming through significant donations to the Easter Seals Iowa Rural Solutions Program, a one-of-a-kind program sponsored by Easter Seals Iowa. Nearly 1,400 Iowa families affected by disabilities remained active in farming – when they otherwise may have had to give up the land – thanks to the Easter Seals Rural Solutions Program.

Averting tragedy: the rollover prevention initiative.

Farming is a dangerous occupation. 3,900 farm-related injuries occurred from 2002-2006. The most egregious farm accident and the leading cause of farm-related deaths is the tractor rollover. But rollover hazards can be countered with proper guidelines and training. The Iowa Farm Bureau Foundation, in cooperation with Virginia Farm Bureau Safety, offers a rollover protective structure (ROPS) incentive program to encourage farmers to employ this safer environment for tractor operators.

The 2008 Iowa Disaster Fund, established by the Greater Des Moines Community Foundation to receive private sector contributions, received a \$50,000 donation from the Iowa Farm Bureau Foundation to assist food banks throughout Iowa that were devastated by floods and severe storms.



"We are thankful for the support of the Iowa Farm Bureau Foundation. Their donation went a long way toward getting the resources we needed to bring short-term stabilization and longer-term recovery to people whose lives were so cruelly upended by flood and tornado disasters in northeast Iowa. Without that fast and generous response, it would have been extremely difficult to meet the challenge of delivering immediate relief needs."

*Barb Prather
Executive Director
Northeast Iowa Food Bank*



Reach out your hand to Iowa, with a gift to the Iowa Farm Bureau Foundation.

The Iowa Farm Bureau Foundation needs your support. Every dollar you contribute is allocated directly toward our programs. No administration fees, salaries or any other expenses are deducted from the Foundation's proceeds. When you give to the Iowa Farm Bureau Foundation, you help preserve our state's unmatched heritage and help move rural Iowa into the future, sustaining this treasured place as a valuable home for life and career.

A vital resource for rural Iowa families and communities.

The Iowa Farm Bureau Foundation was founded in 1991 under the Iowa Non-Profit Corporation as a 501(c) (3) organization, so your donations are tax deductible. The Foundation allocates a full 100% of its contributions to rural Iowa in the form of qualified health, education and farm income programs. The Foundation is governed by the Iowa Farm Bureau board of directors.

Contributions

Thank you for supporting the Iowa Farm Bureau Foundation's mission to improve the quality of life for rural Iowans.

- Yes, I will contribute \$ _____ .
- My check for the full amount is enclosed.
 - My check for \$ _____ is enclosed. I agree to pay the balance by sending in a contribution of \$ _____ for the next ____ months/years.
 - My MasterCard/Visa card number is _____ .
The card expiration date is _____ .
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- I am interested in providing a donation of my time, service or other resources.

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*Your contact information is for our administrative use only and will not be shared with other parties.



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The Iowa Farm Bureau Foundation needs your support to improve the farm income, healthcare and education of Iowa's rural families and communities. When you give to the Iowa Farm Bureau Foundation, you help preserve our state's rich heritage, as well as facilitate the progress necessary to keep rural Iowa a valuable place to live and work. We all have a stake in rural Iowa's continued survival and progress.



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