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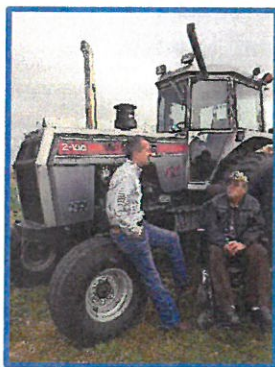
How the Rural Solutions program helped me

Thank you to our partners, for your collaboration to positively impact Iowa's farmers with disabilities.

Warren Koch

Clinton County

"It's a great organization and program for newly injured people because they really do not know where to go. If they can get in touch with someone who has already experienced it, it can be a benefit and gives them a better outlook.



There is a lot that you can do but you have to have someone there to help you with it. It all depends upon your injury, and it is really helpful to access the Rural Solutions Program to help understand what the future holds."

Greg Corkery

Delaware County

"Without the technological assistance from Easterseals, I couldn't have continued to farm. I am so thankful to continue to do what I love."



Kaleb Groenenboom

Mahaska County

"I was bound and determined to be a farmer; I was going to figure out how to get it done one way or another.

Easterseals Iowa provided the connections and resources that allowed me to get funding for a side-by-side ATV that I could drive around. Before that, it could be difficult getting around in the mud, snow and ice. I'd have days if I'd fall, it'd put me out of commission for the day.



Jason Kerr

Clinton County

"At some point you have to swallow your pride as a Vet, you have to go to someone like Easterseals and listen to some ideas."

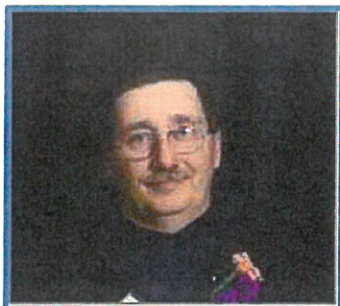


Russell Boseck

Cass County

"I wanted to continue farming as my livelihood and contribute in a meaningful way in my community."

I wouldn't have my operation and be where I am today if it weren't for the staff at Easterseals Iowa."



Ryan Kennon

Chickasaw County

"Before I could think about getting in and out of my tractor, I had to find a way to get into my house in a wheelchair. This was the first step that Easterseals and I took to get me back on the farm."



Renae Beebout

Monroe County

"More than anything, Easterseals Iowa Rural Solutions gave me confidence to pursue my dream farm operation with goats and kune kune pigs."

I may have given up without their advocacy and support."



Mary Elliot

Linn County

"I've used the combine lift, and it is the most valuable piece of equipment on the farm."

Without this, it would be very hard to get up and down on the combine and continue farming."

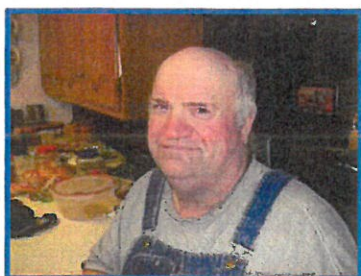
Without Easterseals support and advocating, it would have been difficult to keep farming safely."



Kenny Wagner

Winneshiek County

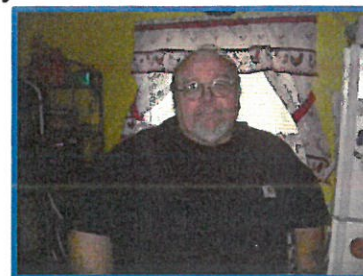
"Good program! Thank you Easter Seals."



Jerry Walton

Appanoose County

"If it wasn't for Easterseals Iowa, people in Iowa would have no way to meet our needs. Thank you Easter Seals!"



Tir Marshall

Montgomery County

"Thank you Easterseals for going the extra mile!"



Carol Mack

Mitchell County

"Easterseals provided us with equipment and resources that were not available through anyone else. They truly cared and regularly checked in on us. We always knew they would know a solution or would work to create one."



Kate

Warren County

"The Rural Solutions program's ability to come to my farm is different than any other program. It would be very difficult and take a great deal of time for me to travel to the city.

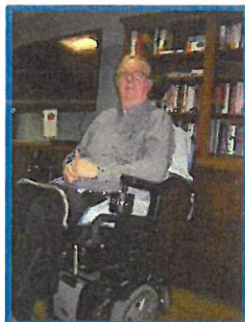


I appreciate that the staff have both agricultural and disability knowledge as it has helped for the information and referral services I have received, so that the resources are appropriate. I have also appreciated accessing the services of the Assistive Technology Program." *Photography by Jenn Emerling*

Norman Sawyer

Scott County

"Thank you, Easterseals Rural Solutions for advocating for funds on my behalf to maintain and expand my organic beef farming operation."



Tyler Felper

Howard County

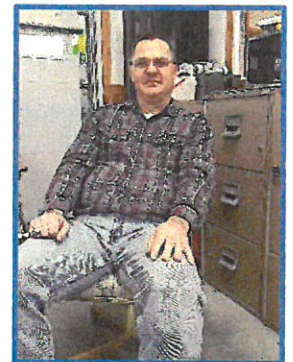
"Tough times don't last, tough people do! Thank you, Easterseals, for my accommodation."



Matthew Ross

Floyd County

"Easterseals was instrumental in my recovery and helping me to get back to work. Without Easterseals I would not have been able to get into my equipment and return to farming."



Brenda Codney

Pottawattamie County

"These adaptations enabled me to still be functional as a wife, a mother and a grandmother. Before the lift and stairs, I wasn't able to get out of the house. They enabled me to be part of the community."



