

## Program Overview

The Rural Solutions program supports farmers who have acquired a disability through accident or illness with accommodations that allow them to continue to farm and live in their rural communities.

- Services are not available through any other entity in the state
- 30-year history supporting farmers
- National and state awards and recognition
- Replicated in more than 30 states around the country
- More than 2,000 Iowa farm family members supported from all 99 counties since inception
- Serves Iowans of all ages
- Easter Seals Iowa supports Iowa farmers to produce revenue instead of utilizing valuable state resources.

## Program Financial Overview FY 2015

In addition to state appropriated dollars, the program is supported through donations and grants. Private donations are received from both corporate partners and many individuals who designate their gifts to the Rural Solutions Program throughout the year. Partners and vendors in rural communities also donate modifications or equipment to support farmers with disabilities.

## Funding Request FY 2017

Easter Seals Iowa is requesting level funding for the Rural Solutions program of \$130,000 for FY 2017.



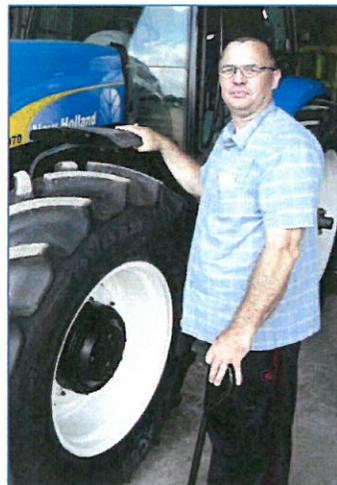
“Easter Seals Iowa gave me all the independence back that I could get, so I can do the things that I love to do. I didn’t have to give up [farming]. I could keep going and live life normally.”

- Adam, Albert City, age 32

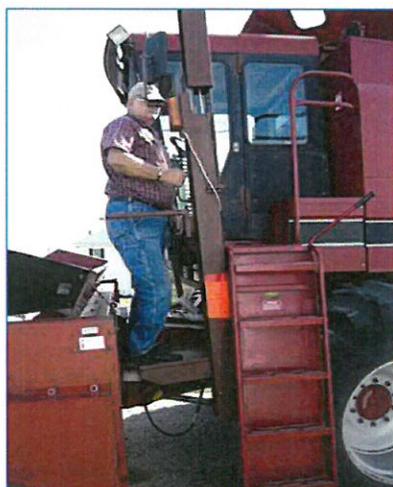
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“The Rural Solutions Program gave me the ability to understand that even though I’m injured, farming was a viable choice and this gave me a purpose.”  
– Michael, Muscatine, age 39



“If it wasn’t for the help I have received from the Rural Solutions Program, I would not have been able to continue with my farming way of life.”  
– Matt, Charles City, age 49



“Farming is our livelihood. I was born and raised on the farm; it is all I know. Without Easter Seals Iowa I wouldn’t still be farming.”  
– Jerry, Bloomfield, age 71



“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 Easter Seals Iowa.”  
– Russell, Villisca, age 52