Farm Rescue expands to Kansas: Hinrichsen leads state effort

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You can save a man of the farm, even put him in the pilot's seat of a Boeing 777. But as he goes of the farm and reaches 60 feet below his heart, he will return to the land that helped shape him into who he became. In the deep recesses of his mind will be the memory of his father worrying about what would happen to his North Dakota family farm if a debilitating accident or illness were to upset the balance.

So when, during a long trip over the Pacific Ocean, a fellow pilot asked Bill Hinrichsen he was going to do when he retired, the answer came easily. “I’m going to be that Good Samaritan that takes away the hurt, and then when I get home, I will give back to the land that helped shape me.”

That pilot visited the area under the railroad overpass that took on its own life as a new home for a group of families who had lost their lives and homes. It was then that Hinrichsen formed ‘Farm Rescue’.

Farm Rescue’s mission: to provide a support system and resources to farmers and ranchers who are facing a variety of challenges, from illness to injury, to help them get back on their feet and continue farming.

In Kansas, the Farm Rescue Family

Julia Hinrichsen, a Kansas native, serves as the state director for Farm Rescue, a nonprofit that connects farmers with volunteers who help with their needs. In her role, she works closely with local community leaders to identify areas where Farm Rescue can make a difference.

A Farm Rescue combines harvesting a field of wheat in Lindsborg for a farmer undergoing chemotherapy treatments. They will be returning soon to help with fall harvest.

This farmer in Lindsborg and another in Rusted were assisted by Farm Rescue this year, as both farmers were fighting cancer.

Not just riding for the brand — local ranchers honor the fallen

Three riders from the United States Air Force Reserve's 327th Airlift Wing rode in the Air Force Reserve Command’s 2022 Space and Global Intelligence Symposium in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

The ride was the culmination of a month-long event that involved more than 200 riders from around the world. The event was held in honor of fallen service members and to raise awareness about the challenges faced by military families.

"We are very proud to have been able to participate in this event and to honor our fallen service members," said Col. John O’Donnell, commander of the 327th Airlift Wing. "This ride is a testament to the resilience and determination of our service members and their families."