



March, 2012

Dear Elevator Manager,

The “Our Neighbor’s Daily Bread” project needs your help!

“Our Neighbor’s Daily Bread” is a wheat-to-flour donation project created by the Montana Grains Foundation in response to a plea from the Montana Food Bank Network for much needed flour to feed Montana’s hungry. The “Our Neighbor’s Daily Bread” project is the result...a collaborative effort involving Montana’s farmers, the Montana Grains Foundation (MGF), the Montana Grain Growers Association (MGGGA), the Montana Food Bank Network and participating grain elevators across the wheat growing regions of Montana.

MGF invites farmers to donate the proceeds from any number of bushels by simply visiting with their elevator manager and informing them of the donation amount. The donated bushels will be sold when the farmer sells his share and a check for the donated amount will be sent by the elevator at the time of settlement to “Our Neighbor’s Daily Bread” in care of the Montana Grains Foundation, a not-for-profit arm of the MGGGA. No grain donated to “Our Neighbor’s Daily Bread” is to be held, stored or transported...only dollars are intended to be dealt with.

When flour is needed, the Montana Food Bank Network will contact MGF with an order. Corresponding bushels will be purchased, milled, bagged and loaded into the Montana Food Bank delivery trucks at a Great Falls flour mill. The donated flour will then be distributed where needed across the state.

“The Montana Food Bank Network is sincerely grateful to the Montana Grains Foundation and its members for helping us provide wholesome, nutritious, Montana-made food to Montanans in need.” said Brent Weisgram with the Montana Food Bank Network. “Your participation in “Our Neighbor’s Daily Bread” allows us to distribute high-quality food to the hungry across Montana through our network of partner food banks, pantries, senior centers, and after-school programs at a time when a lot of people just need a little extra help.”

For this project to succeed, the MGF understands the need to have the local elevator manager’s support and cooperation. We need the help of our grain trading partners and it is our goal to make the project work as simply for the grain handlers as possible.

The MGF is asking participating elevators to help us raise awareness of “Our Neighbor’s Daily Bread” by discussing the project, when appropriate, with customers. We have distributed brochures along with posters to many elevators and ask that they be placed in a prominent farmer viewing location within the elevator. If you have not received any of these materials and would like us to send some, please contact us with your request.

We also ask you to list “Our Neighbor’s Daily Bread” as a customer with your elevator if it is not already listed. The “Our Neighbor’s Daily Bread” account should allow no charges to be made to that account. The Montana Grains Foundation is required to send a receipt for the donation to the donor, therefore, the name and address of the donor must accompany the check received from the elevator.

Account information:

Our Neighbor’s Daily Bread
c/o Montana Grains Foundation
P.O. Box 1165
Great Falls, Montana 59403-1165
Tax ID—81-0408989

Contact – Lola Raska, Executive VP, Montana Grains Foundation
406-761-4596

Anyone can donate to “Our Neighbor’s Daily Bread”. A farmer need not be an MGGA member to participate. Cash contributions are also accepted...allowing farmers and nonfarmers to donate in this manner if they so choose.

Each grain company may have different ways of handling the donation. A sample donation form to use as is, or as a guide, can be found at http://www.mgga.org/ONDB/Donation_Form.pdf.

For more information or to learn how you can help, please call the Montana Grains Foundation at 406-761-4596.

Thank you for your consideration,



Dale Schuler, President, Montana Grains Foundation