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Dear Grain Producer,

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 local elevator manager and informing him 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.

“The Montana Food Bank Network had a need for flour and asked if we could help” said Dale Schuler, President of the Montana Grains Foundation. “Farmers have helped build churches, schools and parks in rural communities all across Montana and understand the importance of giving.”

When flour is needed, the Montana Food Bank Network will contact the Montana Grains Foundation 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 for distribution 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.”

MGF is striving to inform all of the state's grain elevators about the new donation program. We are asking local elevators to please list "Our Neighbor's Daily Bread" as a customer. Our hope is that most grain handling facilities across the state will be ready and willing to accommodate donations as they come in to the program.

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.

For more information or to learn how you can help, please call the Montana Grains Foundation at 406-761-4596 or visit the MGGA website at <http://www.mgga.org/ONDB/ONDBhome.html>

Thank you for your consideration,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dale Schuler". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Dale Schuler, President, Montana Grains Foundation