The Fremont Area Community Foundation was established to improve quality of life in our area by connecting donor interests with community needs.

Gifts to the community through the Foundation are made possible by people like you. Through wise investment and charitable giving, caring individuals, families, and businesses have established and contributed to funds that meet basic needs, enrich our lives through art and exploration, provide access to community resources, and nurture and sustain community development.

If it’s charitable, and it’s important to you, we can help make it possible.

Charitable Gifts of Raised Commodities

Cash method farm proprietors* have a unique opportunity to make “pre-AGI” charitable contributions of commodity inventory, which is readily marketable by the charitable recipient.

As an example, Don, a cash method farmer, normally reports Schedule F farm income of about $50,000 on his joint return. Sue, his spouse, has wages of $50,000. Don and Sue contribute about $5,000 annually to charity, but have not itemized deductions in many years because their only other Schedule A deduction is state income tax paid. In 2010, Don and Sue contributed $5,000 of unsold grain to their community foundation, rather than selling the grain and contributing the cash. The foundation subsequently sold the grain for $5,000.

Don and Sue reduced their federal income tax by $1,250, state income tax by $350, and the self-employment social security tax by $665, for a total tax saving of $2,265.

This example is presented for illustrative purposes only. Please consult a tax advisor to determine whether a contribution of this type is appropriate for your tax situation.

*A contribution of unsold crop-share rents by a “farm landlord” triggers taxation to the donor. The donor must be a “farm operator” farming on a “cash” basis.
Yes, We Would Like to Give a Gift of Grain

I/We, ______________________________________________________________________, hereby gift _________________ (# of bushels) of _______________________________________________________________ (type of grain) to the Fremont Area Community Foundation, designated to the ____________________________________________________Community Fund (optional).

I understand that I will transport the gifted grain to market to be sold on behalf of the Fremont Area Community Foundation. The Fremont Area Community Foundation is a charitable organization under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Please consult your tax advisor regarding the deductibility of this gift before it is made.

Signature(s) ________________________________________________________________ Date of Gift ______________________________

Address ____________________________________________________________________________________________________________

City ______________________________________________________________State _________________Zip _________________________

If you would like to designate your gift to be used for a specific purpose or to benefit a specific community, please indicate that on this form. Please send to:  Fremont Area Community Foundation, P. O. Box 182, Fremont, NE 68026-0182.

Steps to Make a Charitable Gift of Grain

You have a unique opportunity to make an “above-the-line” (i.e., before adjusted gross income) charitable contribution of raised commodities that can be readily marketable by the Fremont Area Community Foundation.

1 - Contact the Fremont Area Community Foundation (FACF) advising that a gift is about to be made at 402-721-4252 or info@facfoundation.org.

2 - Complete the form regarding a Gift of Grain. Indicate the quantity and type of grain being contributed. Send the form to the Fremont Area Community Foundation, PO. Box 182, Fremont, NE 68026-0182. This form should be received five business days prior to delivery at the elevator.

3 - When you deliver the gifted grain to the local elevator, tell the grain elevator to issue a storage receipt in the name of the Fremont Area Community Foundation. The storage receipt is the evidence that ownership of the grain was transferred from the producer to FACF. Have the storage receipt sent to FACF at the address in step 2.

4 - The contract to sell the grain must be sent to the Fremont Area Community Foundation for signature. The contract may be mailed or faxed to 402-721-9359. Because FACF is the owner of the grain following your gift, the producer may not instruct the elevator to sell the grain.

5 - Remind the elevator to issue the check for the sale of the grain to the Fremont Area Community Foundation.

It’s important that these steps be followed in order to receive the intended tax benefits from a gift of grain. Failure to follow these steps may result in the IRS treating the transaction as a sale by the farmer resulting in a contribution of cash. Please consult your tax advisor to determine whether a contribution of this type is appropriate for your tax situation.

About the Fremont Area Community Foundation

The Fremont Area Community Foundation has been helping people serve area communities for more than 30 years. Since 1980, the Foundation has granted more than $10.5 million to organizations serving a wide variety of community needs.

The Foundation focuses grant dollars in five interest areas including arts and culture, civic improvements, education, health and recreation and social services. Donors may also choose to give to one of these interest areas, support a specific nonprofit organization, or benefit a particular community.

The Fremont Area Community Foundation is proud to have community affiliate funds: Arlington Community Fund, North Bend Community Fund, Hooper Community Fund, and Uehling Community Fund. Your gift can be designated to benefit your community.

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