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## **FEEDING THE 5000**

## A giving testimony of faith and thoughtfulness

Every year for as many years as she can remember Elaine Hansen has applied for the America's Farmers Grow Communities through the Bayer Fund. The purpose of the Grow Communities program is to partner with farmers to make a positive impact in farm communities across the country by supporting local non profit organizations. Since the program began in 2010 more than \$63 million has been directed to organizations across rural America. Elaine was shocked when she was notified that her application was a Bayer Fund choice for 2022. Elaine chose the Luverne Area Community Foundation as the eligible charity to accept the grant. The Grant must be used by the eligible Charity to improve science, health and nutrition in communities and organizations within the county where the winning farmer farms or

resides. Elaine and her husband Ray have a passion for their faith and making sure no one in their community would be in a state of food shortage. A good steward of these two passions Elaine opened an endowment fund called Feeding the 5000 – a fund to be used to offer gifts to the local food shelf and backpack program and potentially any other food/hunger based program. The fund is open for others to contribute to as well and will have long lasting fruitful gifts to those in need.

Thank you Elaine for your dedication in applying to the Bayer Fund all these years and for your thoughtful gift to those that understand what hunger and need are.



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