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Minnesota Farmers' Holiday Fundraising for World Soy Foundation to Feed Hungry Children

Mankato, Minn. - A seven-year-old girl named Francisca in the West African country of Ghana knows why soybeans are called the miracle crop. How?

Francisca's family and teachers were concerned at her lack of energy. The World Soy Foundation and Adventist Development and Relief Agency then began providing her with soymilk. After only two months, Francisca's family and teachers credit soy for the fact that she now bubbles with energy, and she now has perfect school attendance. With her new strength and energy, Francisca also has a new dream. Francisca now wants to become a doctor.

Minnesota soybean farmers are committed to helping more children like Francisca. That's why they are supporting the World Soy Foundation's Acre Challenge, and urging their fellow farmers to join them in the World Soy Foundation Acre Challenge.

"Now that our own harvest for the year is over it is a good time to reflect on how we and our crop can make a life-changing difference for children," said Barb Overlie, Lake Crystal soybean farmer and Minnesota American Soybean Association director. "We can be part of the solution."

One bushel of soybeans provides a significant boost of protein for 20 undernourished children, like Francisca, for a month. One acre of soybeans provides approximately 18,000 rations of soy protein.

"We hope soybean farmers will remember the World Soy Foundation, especially as they make their end-of-year charitable donations," said Executive Director Nathan Ruby.

The World Soy Foundation makes it simple to help children like Francisca. Anyone can donate directly to the World Soy Foundation or farmers can contribute bushels through their local elevator. Go to www.worldsoyfoundation.org. The World Soy Foundation is a 501c3 charitable organization so cash contributions are tax deductible.

Minnesota soybean growers and their peers across the nation were instrumental in creation of the World Soy Foundation. It is headquartered at the American Soybean Association.

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