

# Otto Bremer Foundation

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## **Elizabeth A. Fedor Joins the Otto Bremer Foundation as Program Officer**

SAINT PAUL, January 14, 2010—The Otto Bremer Foundation today announced the addition of Elizabeth A. Fedor as program officer.

“We are delighted to welcome Liz, who brings a deep understanding of community issues and organizations,” said Randi Ilyse Roth, Foundation executive director. “With her addition to the Foundation’s staff, our program capacity returns to full complement. That in turn will allow us to continue to provide timely responses to increased grant applications and expand our communications and learning activities.”

**Liz Fedor** comes to the Otto Bremer Foundation from the Star Tribune, where she has worked as a reporter and an editor since 1999. She supervised a team of reporters covering agriculture, housing, consumer, and census issues. As a business reporter, Fedor covered Northwest Airlines and the national airline industry for several years, and she reported on Minnesota’s manufacturing sector last year. She also has worked as a political reporter, columnist, and editorial page editor for the Grand Forks Herald, as a management consultant for the State of Minnesota, and as a program and special projects manager for the Northwest Minnesota Foundation. Fedor is a graduate of St. Catherine University, St. Paul, and earned a master’s in public administration from the John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University. She begins work at the Foundation on February 1.

### **About the Otto Bremer Foundation**

Created in 1944, the Otto Bremer Foundation assists people in achieving full economic, civic, and social participation in and for the betterment of their communities. The Foundation’s work to help build and maintain vibrant communities is based on the vision and legacy of Otto Bremer, whose commitment to Bremer Bank communities and to those working to make their lives better continues to guide the Foundation.

The Otto Bremer Foundation owns the majority share of Bremer Bank, and a portion of the bank’s profits comes to the Foundation as dividends, enabling the Foundation to invest back in the bank communities in the form of grants and program-related investments. Organizations whose beneficiaries are residents of Minnesota, North Dakota, or Wisconsin are eligible to apply for Foundation grants, with priority given to communities served by Bremer Bank. In 2009, the Foundation provided approximately \$24 million in grants and program-related investments.

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