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Otto Bremer Trust makes 134 investments totaling \$8.8 million

SAINT PAUL, June 19, 2018 — The Otto Bremer Trust has awarded \$8,802,246 in grants and one program-related investment as part of its most recent grantmaking cycle.

“These investments continue our ongoing support of communities and organizations in the Upper Midwest,” said Brian Lipschultz, co-CEO and trustee, OBT.

The Otto Bremer Trust, based in St. Paul, Minn., is a private charitable trust established in 1944 by founder Otto Bremer, a successful banker and community business leader. OBT owns 92 percent of Bremer Bank and also manages a diversified investment portfolio. The mission of OBT is to invest in people, places, and opportunities in the Upper Midwest. Since its inception, OBT has invested more than \$600 million in organizations throughout Minnesota, North Dakota, and western Wisconsin. Visit ottobremer.org.

A complete list of grants by region and state is included below.

Western North Dakota

American Heart Association, Inc., Jamestown, ND, **\$60,298**. To improve North Dakota’s capacity by implementing community CPR programs and grow volunteer networks in Bismarck and Fargo.

Domestic Violence Crisis Center, Inc., Minot, ND, **\$100,000**. For general operations to support the provision of services to assist victims of domestic violence in the Minot area.

Full STEAM Ahead, Minot, ND, **\$25,000**. For general operations to support youth development activities in the Bismarck area.

Missouri Valley Coalition for Homeless People, Inc., Bismarck, ND, **\$20,000**. For general operations to support the coordination of activities, strengthen the field of providers, and advocate for the homeless in the Bismarck area.

Native American Development Center, Bismarck, ND, **\$60,000**. To implement a culturally competent mentoring program for Native American adults to reduce jail and prison recidivism for inmates transitioning into the Bismarck metro area of North Dakota from North Dakota prisons and the Burleigh County Detention Center.

North Dakota Community Foundation, Bismarck, ND, **\$15,000**. To provide New American families with integration, mentoring, and advocacy services in the Bismarck area.

The Consensus Council, Inc., Bismarck, ND, **\$100,000**. For general operations to assist citizens and leaders through consensus building and civil conflict resolution strategies in North Dakota.

Safe Alternatives for Abused Families, Devils Lake, ND, **\$20,000**. To provide a safe environment for victims of domestic violence and sexual assault in the Devil Lakes area.

The Salvation Army, Northern Division, Roseville, MN, **\$25,000**. To provide emergency shelter, rent/deposit, and transportation assistance in the Bismarck area.

Red River Region

Care and Share Center, Inc., Crookston, MN, **\$22,317**. To increase security measures to ensure a safe environment for shelter clients in the Crookston area.

Domestic Violence and Abuse Center, Inc., Grafton, ND, **\$20,000**. To increase evaluation and data support for domestic violence and sexual assault services in Pembina, Walsh, and Cavalier Counties of North Dakota.

Enhancing & Strengthening North Dakota Nonprofits & Communities, Minot, ND, **\$60,000**. For general operations to provide one-on-one and small group capacity building for nonprofit professionals, nonprofit board members, and community volunteers in the Minot area.

Fargo-Moorhead Dorothy Day House of Hospitality, Inc., Moorhead, MN, **\$125,000**. For general operations to provide emergency shelter and food pantry services in the Fargo-Moorhead community.

Grand Forks Homes, Inc., Grand Forks, ND, **\$200,000**. To provide supportive housing support for individuals experiencing chronic homelessness in Grand Forks, North Dakota.

Impact Foundation, Fargo, ND, **\$95,000**. To provide school-aged youth healthy, safe, alcohol, and drug-free alternative activities in the Casselton area.

Lakes & Prairies Community Action Partnership, Inc., Moorhead, MN, **\$117,574**. For general operations to support the provision of a wide array of anti-poverty programs and technology improvements in Clay and Wilkin Counties in West Central Minnesota.

Mahnomen Health Center, Mahnomen, MN, **\$50,000**. To replace outdated equipment to provide better access to care and improve the quality of care at Mahnomen Health Center.

North Dakota Autism Center, Inc., West Fargo, ND, **\$83,000**. For general operations to support day programming for children with autism and the continuation of building an autism-friendly community in the West Fargo, Fargo, and Moorhead area.

Red River Dance and Performing Company, Fargo, ND, **\$23,000**. To provide low-income youth, senior citizens, and individuals with disabilities a social, emotional, and physical learning experience through adaptive dance.

Red River Human Services Foundation, Fargo, ND, **\$80,000**. To increase access and community integration for people with intellectual disabilities in the Fargo area.

South East Education Cooperative, Fargo, ND, **\$161,600**. To increase a child's reading proficiency by the end of third grade in the Fargo area.

St. Anne's Guest Home, Grand Forks, ND, **\$60,000**. To support low-income housing for vulnerable individuals and the elderly in the Grand Forks area.

United Way of Cass-Clay, Inc., Fargo, ND, **\$50,000**. To coordinate, align, and leverage services for low-income individuals to gain the skills necessary to be successful in the Fargo-Moorhead workforce.

White Earth Land Recovery Project, Callaway, MN, **\$40,000**. For general operations to ensure community wellness and program support for food security.

Central and Northern Minnesota

Avivo, Minneapolis, MN, **\$100,000**. To help underserved populations build skills needed to succeed in postsecondary education, secure employment, and increase their earning potential.

Cuyuna Range Youth Center, Inc., Crosby, MN, **\$25,000**. For general operations to provide out-of-school programming for youth in Crosby-Ironton and surrounding small towns.

Greater Minnesota Worker Center, Saint Cloud, MN, **\$25,000**. For general operations to support low-wage workers, facilitate employment of immigrants, and increase the economy in Central MN.

Greater Minnesota Worker Center, Saint Cloud, MN, **\$50,000**. To provide youth development and family education programs to East Africans in the La Cruz Community Center and the surrounding neighborhood in St. Cloud.

Kindred Family Focus, Plymouth, MN, **\$55,000**. To expand the availability of foster/adoptive homes in central Minnesota, addressing the current critical shortage of available placements in the foster care system.

Mid-Minnesota Legal Assistance, Minneapolis, MN, **\$75,000**. To support stability for survivors of severe domestic violence and human trafficking by providing wraparound civil legal services to victims in Stearns County.

New Pathways, Inc., Cambridge, MN, **\$100,000**. For general operations to assist families experiencing homelessness with basic needs, case management, and life skills training to help them find and maintain long-term housing.

Riverview Church, Pine River, MN, **\$25,000**. To provide youth with skills and opportunities that help them engage successfully with their community.

Volunteers of America-Minnesota, Edina, MN, **\$55,000**. To provide housing and wrap-around supportive services for previously homeless families who have a family member with a chronic disability.

Western and South-Central Minnesota

Aging Services for Communities, Montgomery, MN, **\$50,000**. For general operations to provide services to senior citizens and disabled persons to enable them to remain in their own homes.

Avera Marshall, Marshall, MN, **\$106,731**. To assist with emergency department capital improvements to meet medical needs in southwestern Minnesota.

Deer Creek Fire Department, Deer Creek, MN, **\$17,680**. To assist with the purchase of equipment used to extricate people from automobiles after accidents.

Epilepsy Foundation of Minnesota, Saint Paul, MN, **\$15,000**. To provide epilepsy awareness, education, and support in Austin, Mankato, Owatonna, and Rochester.

Lake Crystal Area Recreation Center, Inc., Lake Crystal, MN, **\$30,000**. For general operations to improve health, fitness, and quality of life in southern Minnesota.

Millerville Fire Department, Brandon, MN, **\$10,370**. To assist with the purchase of equipment used to provide lifesaving support and communication.

New Horizons Crisis Center, Marshall, MN, **\$45,000**. For general operations to provide services to people affected by domestic violence and sexual assault in Lyon County.

Owatonna Healthy Seniors Program, Owatonna, MN, **\$45,000**. For general operations to provide volunteer support services for seniors 65 and older in Steele County to keep them living well at home safely.

Presbyterian Family Foundation, Willmar, MN, **\$70,400**. To build fundraising capacity to provide residential programming and asset-management support to people with developmental disabilities in western Minnesota.

Regents of the University of Minnesota, Morris, MN, **\$70,000**. For general operations to provide project support that improves the vitality of small towns in greater Minnesota.

Southern Minnesota Crisis Nursery, New Ulm, MN, **\$20,000**. To increase staff capacity to provide emergency shelter for children and goal setting for parents in south central Minnesota.

Willmar Public Schools, #347, Willmar, MN, **\$80,000**. To connect low-income and at-risk children and families to resources in the public schools and broader Willmar community.

Young Men's Christian Association of Mankato, Mankato, MN, **\$60,000**. To provide mentoring opportunities for children, youth, and families in Mankato.

YWCA of Mankato, Mankato, MN, **\$80,000**. For general operations to empower women and eliminate racism in Mankato.

Twin Cities Metropolitan Area

360 Communities, Burnsville, MN, **\$55,000**. For general operations to provide basic needs and to promote stability and self-reliance for low-income and at-risk residents of Dakota County.

Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Association, Minneapolis, MN, **\$50,000**. To provide Alzheimer's outreach and education to diverse, underserved communities in the Twin Cities.

At Home Group, Inc. dba Small Sums, Saint Paul, MN, **\$40,000**. For general operations to provide homeless clients who have found jobs with required work items.

Beacon Interfaith Housing Collaborative, Saint Paul, MN, **\$55,000**. For general operations to create and maintain affordable and supportive housing in the Twin Cities.

Bhutanese Community Organization of MN, Saint Paul, MN, **\$30,000**. For general operations to support Bhutanese refugees in the Twin Cities.

Community Mediation & Restorative Services, Inc., New Hope, MN, **\$70,000**. For general operations to provide mediation and restorative services in Hennepin and Rice Counties.

Connections to Independence, Minneapolis, MN, **\$150,000**. For general operations to provide holistic supports for young adults who will or have exited the foster care system.

CROSS Christians Reaching Out In Social Service, Rogers, MN, **\$25,000**. For general operations to provide food, housing, clothing, and outreach to individuals and families in the northwest Twin Cities metro.

Emma Norton Services, Saint Paul, MN, **\$65,000**. For general operations to increase stability and self-sufficiency for homeless women and families in the Twin Cities.

Fairview Foundation, Minneapolis, MN, **\$50,000**. To support the expansion of health initiatives serving vulnerable, low-income, and minority community needs.

Hamm Memorial Psychiatric Clinic, Saint Paul, MN, **\$50,000**. For general operations to provide mental health services to underserved adults.

Hennepin Health Foundation, Minneapolis, MN, **\$80,000**. To improve patient health by distributing nutritious food at hospital and community clinics in the Twin Cities.

Higher Ground Academy and Charter School, Saint Paul, MN, **\$45,000**. To provide an after-school program consisting of academic tutoring and character development activities for St. Paul youth.

Hmong Cultural Center of Minnesota, Saint Paul, MN, **\$40,000**. For general operations to provide immigrants and refugees with literacy and citizenship education and support.

Independent School District 112, Chaska, MN, **\$96,151**. To provide collaborative services that support the needs of low-income adults and children living in Chaska.

Jewish Family Service of St. Paul, Saint Paul, MN, **\$95,000**. For general operations to enhance economic self-reliance of seniors and low-income individuals.

La Oportunidad, Inc., Minneapolis, MN, **\$50,000**. For general operations to provide education, career path, and leadership opportunities and overall support to children, youth, and parents.

Lakes Area Youth Service Bureau, Forest Lake, MN, **\$58,180**. For general operations to promote mental health, chemical health, mentoring, and job training for youth in Forest Lake.

Legal Rights Center, Inc., Minneapolis, MN, **\$90,000**. For general operations to provide targeted legal services and programs in Hennepin County.

Mental Health Resources, Inc., Saint Paul, MN, **\$40,000**. To support an Integrated Certified Peer Specialist in the Seward Community Support Program.

Metro Meals on Wheels, Inc., Minneapolis, MN, **\$75,000**. For general operations to support Meals on Wheels programs throughout the Twin Cities.

Migizi Communications, Inc., Minneapolis, MN, **\$100,000**. To purchase a building that will provide increased opportunities for American Indian Youth and allow for greater organizational stability and expansion in the future.

Minnesota Indian Women's Resource Center, Minneapolis, MN, **\$125,000**. For general operations to provide supportive services for Native American women and their families in the Twin Cities.

MoveFwd, Inc., Hopkins, MN, **\$50,000**. For general operations to provide an array of services for homeless youth in the west metro suburbs.

Muscular Dystrophy Association, Edina, MN, **\$30,000**. To provide financial support for children ages 8-17 with neuromuscular disease to attend summer camp in Minnesota.

Neighborhood Development Alliance, Saint Paul, MN, **\$50,000**. For general operations to build affordable housing and create family economic sustainability through education and guidance.

NeighborWorks Home Partners, Saint Paul, MN, **\$50,000**. For general operations to provide home ownership services and supports to families in the Twin Cities.

Nexus Community Partners, Saint Paul, MN, **\$75,000**. For general operations to build the capacity of community-based organizations, individuals, and networks to create a vibrant Twin Cities.

Northeast Youth and Family Services, Shoreview, MN, **\$20,000**. To support quality after-school and summer programming for at-risk youth in Roseville Area Middle School.

Open Arms of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN, **\$65,000**. For general operations to decrease food insecurity among Twin Cities low-income residents living with serious illness and to promote better health outcomes.

People Reaching Out to Other People, Eden Prairie, MN, **\$50,000**. For general operations to provide hunger prevention programs and wraparound services to individuals and families in the southwest Twin Cities metro.

Reach for Resources, Inc., Minnetonka, MN, **\$30,000**. To provide increased opportunities for adults with developmental disabilities to live independently and to find competitive employment.

Rebuilding Together - Twin Cities, Minneapolis, MN, **\$60,000**. For general operations to provide critical repair and accessibility modifications needed for low income families in the Twin Cities to live in safe and healthy homes.

Regents of the University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN, **\$50,000**. To support comprehensive care coordination services for Community University Health Care Center's patients.

St. Andrew's Lutheran Church, Mahtomedi, MN, **\$50,000**. To provide supports and services focused on ending homelessness in Washington and Ramsey Counties.

The Saint Paul Foundation, Saint Paul, MN, **\$50,000**. To support MSPWin, a philanthropic collaborative whose mission is to increase the number of adults earning family sustaining wages, especially people of color.

Sexual Violence Center, Minneapolis, MN, **\$25,000**. For general operations for crisis support services for victims and survivors of sexual violence and prevention education.

St. Paul Neighborhood Network, Saint Paul, MN, **\$40,000**. To teach technology literacy and job placement skills to unemployed and underemployed individuals in the Twin Cities.

Tasks Unlimited, Inc., Minneapolis, MN, **\$45,000**. To provide paid, on-the-job training and job placement in independent or peer-supported employment for individuals with serious and persistent mental illness.

Tubman, Minneapolis, MN, **\$50,000**. To provide safe shelter, transitional housing, and trauma-informed services for youth.

University of St. Thomas, Saint Paul, MN, **\$20,000**. To support a journalism incubator program that engages diverse teen voices through intense college readiness, writing skills development and multimedia experiences.

Urban Squash Twin Cities, Minneapolis, MN, **\$15,000**. For general operations to provide a year-round, high-quality, out-of-school time program for youth.

Urban Strategies, Inc., Saint Louis, MO, **\$40,000**. To support youth development programs and the Green Garden Bakery, Minneapolis.

Vineyard Community Services, Burnsville, MN, **\$25,000**. To purchase equipment and extend service hours to decrease food insecurity in St. Paul.

Voyageur Outward Bound School, Saint Paul, MN, **\$55,000**. To support leadership development for low-income youth in the Twin Cities.

Young Men's Christian Association of the Greater Twin Cities, Minneapolis, MN, **\$60,000**. To provide afterschool programs for youth in low-income housing complexes.

Southeastern Minnesota

Children's Dental Health Services, Rochester, MN, **\$50,000**. For general operations to provide low-income children with access to dental care.

Community and Economic Development Associates, Chatfield, MN, **\$75,000**. For general operations to provide community capacity building for rural economic regeneration and revitalization.

Project FINE, Inc., Winona, MN, **\$50,000**. For general operations to strengthen and enrich the community by facilitating the integration of immigrants and refugees into the Winona and surrounding communities.

Rochester Area Foundation, Rochester, MN, **\$60,000**. For general operations to leverage charitable giving to cultivate and increase involvement to address community challenges.

Rochester Area Foundation, Rochester, MN, **\$75,000**. To support the Cradle-to-Career coalition, which focuses on identifying and assessing high-impact programming and support systems to address challenges facing families in the Rochester community.

The Sanneh Foundation, Inc., Saint Paul, MN, **\$105,000**. For expansion of the Dreamline Student Success program, which provides youth development opportunities for students in Rochester.

Somalia Rebuild Organization, Rochester, MN, **\$10,000**. To provide afterschool homework help and enrichment activities to keep Somali-American youth engaged, active, and thriving in and out of school.

Viola Gopher Count, Eyota, MN, **\$35,107**. To purchase and install new playground equipment.

Young Men's Christian Association of Austin, MN, Austin, MN, **\$300,000**. For construction of the Austin Community Recreation Center.

Wisconsin

City of Ashland, Ashland, WI, **\$150,000**. To provide capital support for the Ashland Ore Dock Redevelopment Project.

Boyceville Community Ambulance District, Boyceville, WI, **\$6,480**. To support the acquisition of equipment for the Boyceville Community Ambulance District.

Chippewa Valley Health Clinic, Inc. dba Chippewa Valley Free Clinic, Eau Claire, WI, **\$47,000**. For general operations to provide comprehensive health care to under-insured and uninsured low-income adults.

Community Referral Agency, Inc., Milltown, WI, **\$40,000**. For general operations to provide emergency shelter and advocacy to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault.

CORE Community Resources, Inc., Bayfield, WI, **\$35,000**. For general operations to support work with elders and their families to enable them to thrive and remain engaged in their communities.

Coulecap, Inc., Westby, WI, **\$60,000**. To support programs that serve low-income and homeless individuals in La Crosse County.

Eau Claire Community Foundation, Eau Claire, WI, **\$18,746**. To support the implementation of new software that will increase efficiency.

La Crosse Area Veterans Mentor Program, La Crosse, WI, **\$20,000**. For general operations of a mentoring program for veterans involved in the criminal justice system.

Mental Health Task Force of Polk County, Saint Croix Falls, WI, **\$57,612**. For general operations to provide mental health screenings to students in Polk County schools.

North Land Municipal Ambulance, Inc., Luck, WI, **\$45,000**. To support the purchase of a new ambulance that serves rural communities in Wisconsin.

St. Croix Valley Restorative Justice Program, Inc., River Falls, WI, **\$35,000**. For general operations to provide restorative justice and conflict mediation services.

United Way of Dunn County, Menomonie, WI, **\$30,000**. To support a program that offers basic household resources to those in need during crisis situations.

Ventures Unlimited, Inc., Shell Lake, WI, **\$40,000**. To support capital improvements to provide vocational development services for individuals with disabilities.

West Central Wisconsin Community Action Agency, Inc., Glenwood City, WI, **\$125,000**. To support programs that improve the quality of life and increase self-sufficiency for low-income households in west central Wisconsin.

Western Dairyland Economic Opportunity Council, Inc., Independence, WI, **\$45,000**. To support Eau Claire Fresh Start, a program that builds employment and educational skills for at-risk youth and young adults.

Minnesota Statewide

Ann Bancroft Foundation, Minneapolis, MN, **\$45,000**. To provide scholarships to empower girls and increase community outreach to Greater Minnesota communities and partners.

Children's Defense Fund - Minnesota, Saint Paul, MN, **\$60,000**. For expansion of the Economic Stability Indicator and Bridge to Benefits, which provide tools to help families access work support and financial assistance programs.

Ecumen, Shoreview, MN, **\$50,000**. To develop and pilot an educational program to increase understanding and wider use of end-of-life care.

Girl Scouts of Minnesota and Wisconsin River Valley, Inc., Saint Paul, MN, **\$175,000**. To increase programming and improve organizational cultural competency to provide access for underserved girls.

Habitat for Humanity of Minnesota, Inc., Saint Paul, MN, **\$70,000**. For general operations to build capacity of Habitat for Humanity affiliates in Minnesota.

Land Stewardship Project, Montevideo, MN, **\$200,000**. To train beginning farmers, establish support networks, and increase the financial capacity and sustainability of family farmers.

Lao Assistance Center of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN, **\$35,000**. For general operations to increase community engagement strategies and build self-sufficiency in the Lao community.

Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota, Saint Paul, MN, **\$50,000**. For expansion of financial services to vulnerable populations in Minnesota, Wisconsin, and North Dakota.

MacPhail Center for Music, Minneapolis, MN, **\$100,000**. To expand and enhance music education opportunities for rural pre-K through 12th grade students through online learning experiences.

Minnesota CIT Officers Association, Inc., Stillwater, MN, **\$35,000**. For general operations to train public safety officers/first responders to safely and compassionately de-escalate crisis situations between people living with mental illness and first responders.

Minnesota Education Equity Partnership, Inc., Saint Paul, MN, **\$100,000**. To address racial disparities in education by building capacity for education equity in Mille Lacs, St. Cloud, Owatonna, and Rochester.

Minnesota Literacy Council, Saint Paul, MN, **\$185,000**. For general operations to strengthen organizations and programs that build literacy skills for children, adults, and families across Minnesota.

Open Your Heart to the Hungry and Homeless, Minneapolis, MN, **\$75,000**. For general operations to increase the capacity of basic needs agencies to address homelessness and food insecurity in Greater Minnesota communities.

Ronald McDonald House of Rochester MN, Rochester, MN, **\$150,000**. For general operations and technology enhancements to provide a home away from home for families seeking medical treatment for their critically ill children.

Second Harvest Heartland, Inc., Saint Paul, MN, **\$215,000**. To support food recovery efforts to increase the amount of fresh, healthy food to local food pantries and meal programs.

University of Minnesota Foundation, Minneapolis, MN, **\$180,000**. To support the Minnesota Prison Doula Project, which seeks to improve the mental and physical health outcomes of incarcerated pregnant women and mothers.

Program-Related Investment

Migizi Communications, Inc., Minneapolis, MN, **\$200,000**. To purchase a building that will provide increased opportunities for American Indian Youth and allow for greater organizational stability and expansion in the future.