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Otto Bremer Trust makes 140 investments totaling \$9.8 million

SAINT PAUL, September 13, 2018 — The Otto Bremer Trust has awarded \$9,830,155 in grants as part of its most recent grantmaking cycle.

“We’re inspired by the breadth and diversity of programs in which the Otto Bremer Trust is making investments,” said Daniel C. Reardon, co-CEO and trustee, OBT. “From access to housing, food, health, and wellness services, to helping with job skills development, vocational opportunities, and literacy programs, we’re proud to be supporting dozens of organizations that are having a positive impact in communities across the Upper Midwest.”

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 \$650 million in organizations throughout Minnesota, North Dakota, and western Wisconsin. Visit ottobremer.org.

A complete list of grants and program-related investments by region and state is included below.

Western North Dakota

Abused Adult Resource Center, Bismarck, ND, **\$100,000**. For general operations to provide safe shelter and crisis care for victims of domestic violence and sexual assault and their children in a seven-county area in south-central North Dakota.

Bismarck Public School District No. 1, Bismarck, ND, **\$50,000**. To provide wraparound services that improve parenting, stabilize relationships, and promote the independent functioning of parents of high-risk children; and improve student attendance and academic performance.

Minnewaukan Rural Fire Protection District, Minnewaukan, ND, **\$150,000**. To support the development of a new fire hall for the Minnewaukan Rural Fire Protection District and surrounding communities.

Morton Mandan Public Library, Mandan, ND, **\$30,000**. To develop and deliver additional library services and programs county-wide to individuals who experience barriers in accessing traditional library services.

North Dakota Council on Abused Women's Services, Bismarck, ND, **\$100,000**. Support phases III and IV of three pilot initiatives that enable Minot, Beulah, and Grand Forks communities to directly support domestic violence and sexual assault survivors.

North Dakota Federation of Families for Children's Mental Health, Bismarck, ND, **\$100,000**. For general operations to assist and empower parents to advocate for their children with behavioral, social, and emotional challenges.

Northern Plains Children's Advocacy Center, Minot, ND, **\$80,000**. For general operations to provide services for children who have been sexually abused in the Minot area.

Spirit Lake Tribe, Fort Totten, ND, **\$113,387**. To create a partnership between the Employment & Training and Senior Services Programs at Spirit Lake Nation for special training for elder caregivers.

Trinity Health Foundation, Minot, ND, **\$75,000**. To replace an ambulance to meet health and wellness needs in the Minot region.

Velva Public School District 1, Velva, ND, **\$81,090**. To provide behavioral health support to students in the Minot area.

Welcome House, Inc., Bismarck, ND, **\$75,000**. For general operations to provide housing, basic necessities, case management, and supportive services to homeless families and single women.

Young Women's Christian Association of Minot, North Dakota, Minot, ND, **\$96,000**. For general operations of an emergency homeless shelter for women and children in the Minot area.

Red River Region

BIO Girls, Inc., West Fargo, ND, **\$50,000**. To build organizational capacity to support the growth of programming focusing on adolescent girls in the Fargo area.

City of Breckenridge, Breckenridge, MN, **\$115,000**. To provide trail lighting to improve trail visibility and deter crime activities after sunset or before sunrise.

Community Violence Intervention Center, Inc., Grand Forks, ND, **\$200,000**. For general operations to support the provision of comprehensive services to domestic violence in the Grand Forks area.

Crookston Firefighters Association, Crookston, MN, **\$75,000**. To support the purchase of a new fire engine for the City of Crookston.

Grand Forks Foundation for Education, Inc., Grand Forks, ND, **\$40,000**. To support the construction of a playground supporting a new Head Start facility located at the Valley Square retirement complex.

Midwest Parkinson's Initiative, Fargo, ND, **\$25,000**. For general operations to increase awareness of Parkinson's disease by developing collaborative partnerships and long-term learning solutions in the Fargo-Moorhead area.

Ours to Serve House of Hospitality, Inc., Bemidji, MN, **\$45,000**. For general operations for emergency shelter, case management, and supportive services for homeless families.

Three Rivers Crisis Center, Inc., Wahpeton, ND, **\$40,000**. For general operations to provide therapeutic trauma-informed counseling services to primary and secondary victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, and child sexual abuse in Richland County, North Dakota.

Central and Northern Minnesota

Boys & Girls Club of the Leech Lake Area, Cass Lake, MN, **\$72,000**. For general operations to support out-of-school-time programs, summer meals, and youth development.

Career Solutions, Saint Cloud, MN, **\$75,000**. To increase employment opportunities and provide career education to adult and youth immigrants and refugees.

The Center for Victims of Torture, Saint Paul, MN, **\$50,000**. To serve St. Cloud Somali families through culturally specific outreach, early intervention, and co-located trauma-informed parenting classes, mind/body management techniques, and yoga/physical therapy.

Central Minnesota Task Force on Battered Women, Saint Cloud, MN, **\$75,000**. For general operations to provide emergency shelter and comprehensive services to women and children experiencing domestic abuse and sexual assault.

Kinship Youth Mentoring of Princeton, Princeton, MN, **\$5,000**. For general operations of youth mentoring and literacy programs for at-risk children in Princeton, Minnesota.

Lakes Area Interfaith Caregivers, Baxter, MN, **\$15,000**. For general operations to provide transportation and home services to low-income seniors and persons with disabilities so that they may remain safely at home.

Mission Township Fire Fighters Relief Association, Merrifield, MN, **\$17,200**. Capital equipment for the Mission Township Fire Department to purchase battery-operated extrication tools for vehicle emergencies.

Pillager Family Council, Pillager, MN, **\$90,000**. To support families in Northern Minnesota with a home visiting model that is family centered, strengths based, and proven to effectively promote healthy child development.

Serve Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN, **\$100,000**. To close the literacy achievement gap in licensed family child care and in high-need elementary classrooms in St. Cloud.

Sexual Assault Services, Inc., Brainerd, MN, **\$50,000**. For general operations to provide services for victims of sexual assault, and to offer education and prevention programs in Crow Wing County.

Sprout MN, Little Falls, MN, **\$50,000**. To provide innovative activities that support family farms and facilitate increased food access in food deserts in Northern Minnesota.

United Way of Central Minnesota, Saint Cloud, MN, **\$58,000**. To support literacy and language acquisition for young English learners by providing training and tools for out-of-school service providers in St. Cloud.

Western and South-Central Minnesota

Battle Lake Youth Center, Inc., Battle Lake, MN, **\$100,000**. To assist with the construction of a child care facility in Battle Lake to serve the surrounding area.

Children's Museum of Southern Minnesota, Mankato, MN, **\$25,000**. For general operations to provide educational opportunities designed to engage and enrich children and families from western and south-central Minnesota.

Granite Falls Living At Home Block Nurse Program, Granite Falls, MN, **\$40,000**. For general operations to provide services and programs for seniors and people living with disabilities.

City of Hoffman, Hoffman, MN, **\$60,000**. To assist with the purchase of a tanker truck used to provide emergency response.

Love, Inc. of Douglas County Lakes Area, Alexandria, MN, **\$20,000**. To provide personal finance and life skills classes and mentorship to create individual self-sufficiency in Douglas County.

Mankato Area Foundation, Mankato, MN, **\$125,000**. For general operations to build organizational capacity and sustainability for long-term community impact in the Mankato area.

Southwest Minnesota Housing Partnership, Slayton, MN, **\$62,500**. To provide housing and supportive services to people challenged by chemical dependence, mental illness, or homelessness in Nicollet County and the surrounding area.

United Way of Douglas & Pope Counties, Alexandria, MN, **\$25,000**. To provide supplemental food to pre-kindergarten and elementary students who face food insecurity in Douglas and Pope Counties.

Willmar Area Food Shelf, Willmar, MN, **\$25,000**. For general operations to provide food assistance to those in need in Kandiyohi County.

Twin Cities Metro Area

Ally People Solutions, Saint Paul, MN, **\$50,000**. To enhance employment training and placement for individuals with disabilities.

Athletes Committed to Educating Students, Minneapolis, MN, **\$50,000**. For general operations to reduce academic achievement and opportunity gaps for underserved youth in the Twin Cities.

The BrandLab, Minneapolis, MN, **\$20,000**. To provide marketing training and internships for diverse youth in the Twin Cities.

Breaking Free, Inc., Saint Paul, MN, **\$45,000**. For general operations to provide holistic programming and services to female victims of sex trafficking.

CAPI, USA, Minneapolis, MN, **\$150,000**. For general operations and capital to support immigrant and refugees to lead successful and productive lives in the Twin Cities.

Casa de Esperanza, Saint Paul, MN, **\$120,000**. To support prevention and intervention within Latinx communities to end sexual violence in Minnesota.

The Center for Victims of Torture, Saint Paul, MN, **\$50,000**. For general operations to open a new coordinated care facility in north St. Paul to serve Karen, Oromo, and Hmong war trauma/torture survivors.

Children's Cancer Research Fund, Minneapolis, MN, **\$50,000**. To provide music therapy for children in the Bone Marrow Transplant program at the University of Minnesota Masonic Children's Hospital.

Christ's Children Ministries, Minneapolis, MN, **\$5,000**. For general operations to support African-American boys in north Minneapolis.

Christian Recovery Center, Golden Valley, MN, **\$45,000**. For general operations to provide mental health services to victims, offenders, and families impacted by sexual violence.

Clare Housing, Minneapolis, MN, **\$75,000**. For general operations to provide supportive, affordable housing for extremely low-income individuals and families who are living with HIV.

CommonBond Communities, Saint Paul, MN, **\$110,000**. For general operations to provide safe, stable housing and supportive services for low-income individuals and families.

Community Emergency Assistance Programs, Inc., Brooklyn Center, MN, **\$60,000**. For general operations to support a food shelf, Meals on Wheels program, health and wellness education, and supportive programming that propels families forward for better physical and financial health.

DinoMights, Minneapolis, MN, **\$20,000**. For general operations to support holistic youth development for at-risk urban youth.

Dress for Success Twin Cities, Saint Paul, MN, **\$50,000**. For general operations to promote economic self-sufficiency for low-income women in the Twin Cities.

East African Healing Services, Minneapolis, MN, **\$25,000**. For general operations to provide mental health therapy and services to East African immigrants and refugees.

Elpis Enterprises, Saint Paul, MN, **\$25,000**. For general operations to provide employment readiness training for young people experiencing homelessness.

Face to Face Health and Counseling Service, Inc., Saint Paul, MN, **\$100,000**. To support Safe Zone, a drop-in center that provides youth experiencing homelessness with basic needs, supportive services, and case management.

Faith Community Nurse Network of the Greater Twin Cities, Saint Paul, MN, **\$25,000**. To prevent falls among older adults in the Twin Cities.

FamilyWise Services, Minneapolis, MN, **\$100,000**. For general operations to strengthen children and families and improve family economic stability.

Good in the Hood, Bloomington, MN, **\$35,000**. For general operations to provide access to food, health, and wellness services, volunteer opportunities, and other community and kindness-based programs and services.

Guadalupe Alternative Programs, Saint Paul, MN, **\$50,000**. For general operations to provide education, social and emotional support, and training that leads to employment for youth and young adults.

Hmong American Farmers Association, West Saint Paul, MN, **\$50,000**. For general operations to provide support for low-income Hmong farmers to become financially stable and self-reliant through cooperative farming.

Hope Dental Clinic, Saint Paul, MN, **\$75,000**. For general operations to provide free dental care to uninsured and low-income individuals in the Twin Cities.

Independent School District 191, Burnsville, MN, **\$50,000**. To support youth development and leadership activities for middle school youth in Burnsville and surrounding communities.

Juxtaposition Arts, Inc., Minneapolis, MN, **\$50,000**. For general operations to engage youth in the creative workforce as dynamic problem solvers with skills and connections to positively impact communities in Minneapolis.

Ka Joog Nonprofit Organization, Minneapolis, MN, **\$25,000**. For general operations to provide Somali-American youth with job skills development, internship placements, financial literacy, and career exploration.

Kaleidoscope Place, Minneapolis, MN, **\$40,000**. For general operations to support after-school and summer programs for children of low-income families in the Phillips neighborhood.

Little Earth Residents Association, Inc., Minneapolis, MN, **\$120,000**. To provide out-of-school time opportunities for youth by cultivating holistic health, cultural teachings, leadership development, and community engagement.

Local Initiatives Support Corporation, Saint Paul, MN, **\$50,000**. To support a program that helps low-income individuals progress along a career pathway and work toward economic independence.

Mid-Minnesota Legal Assistance, Minneapolis, MN, **\$75,000**. To provide legal representation to Hennepin and Anoka County immigrant youth and their families.

Minneapolis Urban League, Minneapolis, MN, **\$40,000**. To support economic independence and wealth building among African Americans and other populations of color in the Twin Cities.

Missions Inc. Programs, Plymouth, MN, **\$20,000**. For general operations to provide transitional housing recovery programs and a domestic violence program.

One2One, Minneapolis, MN, **\$50,000**. For general operations to increase academic achievement through mentoring and social/emotional support to Brooklyn Park middle school students and build long-term school capacity.

The Open Door, Eagan, MN, **\$75,000**. For general operations to address food insecurity in Dakota County by providing access to healthy food.

People Serving People Charities, Inc., Minneapolis, MN, **\$65,000**. For general operations to provide emergency shelter and comprehensive services to families experiencing homelessness and high-quality early childhood education.

Reading Partners, Oakland, CA, **\$40,000**. To provide one-on-one literacy support for low-income elementary school students in Minneapolis and St. Paul.

Rêve Academy, Minneapolis, MN, **\$20,000**. For general operations to provide underserved students the opportunity to build marketable skills in business, technology, and design.

St. Louis Park Emergency Program, Saint Louis Park, MN, **\$40,000**. For general operations to support programs that address food insecurity in St Louis Park.

St. Stephen's Human Services, Inc., Minneapolis, MN, **\$80,000**. For general operations to support families and single adults in finding, safe stable housing along with supportive services.

Sojourner Project, Inc., Hopkins, MN, **\$40,000**. For general operations to provide safe shelter, legal advocacy, support, information, and educational programs related to domestic violence.

Solid Ground, White Bear Lake, MN, **\$75,000**. For general operations to provide housing and supportive services to end homelessness for families in suburban Ramsey and Washington Counties.

Sub-Saharan African Youth & Family Services in Minnesota, Saint Paul, MN, **\$37,000**. For general operations to support expanded services for African immigrants and refugees in the Twin Cities.

Summit Academy OIC, Minneapolis, MN, **\$100,000**. To support the 1,000 GED Campaign, which equips workers of color with the education, skills, and networks that lead to family sustaining employment and improved economic security.

Tree Trust, Saint Louis Park, MN, **\$70,000**. To provide job readiness training, paid work experience, career navigation, vocational opportunities, and life skills training for youth adults.

Two Rivers Community Land Trust, Woodbury, MN, **\$35,000**. For general operations to increase the amount of permanently affordable homes and provide supports to low-income homeowners in Washington County.

Union Gospel Mission Association of St. Paul, Saint Paul, MN, **\$150,000**. To provide mental and medical health care to homeless individuals.

United Family Practice Health Center dba United Family Medicine, Saint Paul, MN, **\$100,000**. For general operations to provide integrated primary, behavioral, and dental health services for individuals and families in Saint Paul.

Valley Outreach, Stillwater, MN, **\$50,000**. For general operations to provide basic needs and address food insecurity in Stillwater and the surrounding area.

Way to Grow, Minneapolis, MN, **\$170,000**. To support Great By 8, an early education and home visiting program in Minneapolis, Brooklyn Center and Brooklyn Park.

Wayside House, Inc., Saint Louis Park, MN, **\$60,000**. To provide outpatient substance abuse and mental health care for women and their families in the Twin Cities.

Youthprise, Minneapolis, MN, **\$40,000**. To expand the Nutrition Program, which increases access to quality nutritious meals during out-of-school time programs.

Southeastern Minnesota

Faribault Area Senior Citizens, Inc., Faribault, MN, **\$100,000**. For the purchase and installation of a Hearing Loop to aid those who are hard of hearing.

Goodwill Industries, Inc., Saint Paul, MN, **\$55,000**. For support of Competitive Employment services for individuals with mental illness through Individual Placement and Support (IPS) in Rochester.

Hiawatha Valley Mental Health Center, Winona, MN, **\$150,000**. For renovations of the Center for Community Based Mental Health Services.

Home and Community Options, Inc., Winona, MN, **\$50,000**. To support In-Home services, which provides support and residential services to individuals with developmental disabilities in southeastern Minnesota.

City of Houston, Houston, MN, **\$100,000**. For the construction of an inclusive playground.

PossAbilities of Southern Minnesota, Inc., Rochester, MN, **\$130,000**. For general operations and technology enhancements to support employment opportunities for individuals with disabilities.

Ruth's House of Hope, Inc., Faribault, MN, **\$55,000**. For general operations to provides safe shelter, supportive services, and transitional housing for homeless women and children.

Seasons Hospice, Rochester, MN, **\$60,000**. To provide grief education, services, and support.

South Central Human Relations Center, Inc., Owatonna, MN, **\$65,000**. To provide mental health services to students in schools.

Southeastern Minnesota Private Industry Council, Inc. dba Workforce Development, Inc., Rochester, MN, **\$100,000**. To provide academic support and career navigation for disadvantaged populations to enter and/or move up in healthcare careers.

Winona Community Foundation, Inc., Winona, MN, **\$100,000**. For the construction of an inclusive playground in Winona.

Winona ORC Industries, Inc., Winona, MN, **\$61,071**. For technology enhancements to provide security, communications, and productivity equipment to support employment for individuals with disabilities.

Wisconsin

AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin, Inc., Milwaukee, WI, **\$120,000**. For general operating support to help serve individuals in western Wisconsin living with or at risk for acquiring HIV through comprehensive services.

Aptiv, Inc., La Crosse, WI, **\$70,000**. To enhance transportation options to increase access to community and service opportunities for youth and adults with disabilities.

Assistance & Resource Center, Inc., River Falls, WI, **\$7,000**. For general operations to provide short-term financial assistance and access to additional resources to individuals in need.

The Brick Ministries, Inc., Ashland, WI, **\$50,000**. For general operations to provide short-term assistance to economically disadvantaged individuals in Ashland and Bayfield Counties.

Catholic Charities of the Diocese of La Crosse, Inc., La Crosse, WI, **\$35,000**. To support Franciscan Hospitality House, a daytime drop-in center for homeless men and women in La Crosse.

Center for Independent Living for Western Wisconsin, Inc., Menomonie, WI, **\$60,000**. To provide transportation services to persons with disabilities, the elderly, and low-income individuals who experience barriers to transportation.

Clear Lake Area Ambulance Service, Clear Lake, WI, **\$20,000**. For the purchase of equipment critical to the delivery of ambulatory services.

Family Promise of the Chippewa Valley, Inc., Eau Claire, WI, **\$75,000**. To provide rental assistance and individualized case management services to homeless families in Eau Claire.

Girl Scouts of the Northwestern Great Lakes, Inc., Appleton, WI, **\$30,000**. To support Girl Scout Leadership Experience programming in western Wisconsin.

Lutheran Social Services of Wisconsin and Upper Michigan, Inc., West Allis, WI, **\$60,000**. To provide supportive services to adults in Eau Claire dealing with chronic, persistent mental health issues and homelessness.

Mashkisibi (Bad River) Boys & Girls Club, Inc., Odanah, WI, **\$50,000**. For general operations and club enhancements to provide positive after-school and summer programming for tribal youth.

New Horizons Shelter and Outreach Centers, Inc., La Crosse, WI, **\$35,000**. For general operations to assist victims and families who have experienced domestic abuse, sexual abuse, and/or human trafficking.

Northwest Passage, Ltd., Webster, WI, **\$100,000**. For capital support of the PassageWay Center, which will foster resilience among children receiving mental treatment and serve as a community gathering space.

Regents of the University of Wisconsin, Menomonie, WI, **\$75,000**. To support the Emerging Center for Career and Technical Education Excellence.

River Falls Community Food Pantry, River Falls, WI, **\$35,000**. For general operations to provide food, hygiene essentials, and nutritional information to low-income families.

Scenic Bluffs Health Center, Inc., Cashton, WI, **\$35,000**. To provide capital support for a project to provide dental care to wheelchair-bound and bariatric patients.

University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire Foundation, Inc., Eau Claire, WI, **\$65,940**. To support Blugold Beginnings, which supports the pursuit of post-secondary education among underrepresented, low-income, and first-generation students.

Wisconsin Literacy, Inc., Madison, WI, **\$62,348**. To build adult learner self-sufficiency through the creation of strategic collaborations with local literacy agencies and workforce partners.

Minnesota Statewide

American Indian Cancer Foundation, Minneapolis, MN, **\$50,000**. For general operations to advance health equity in tribal communities with a focus on cancer prevention and education.

American National Red Cross, Minneapolis, MN, **\$225,000**. For the purchase of Next Generation Emergency Response Vehicles (ERV) to be used as first-responding vehicles during disasters.

Barbara Schneider Foundation, Minneapolis, MN, **\$50,000**. For general operations to train law enforcement, healthcare workers, and community members to manage and de-escalate situations caused by mental health disorders or substance abuse in Minnesota, North Dakota, and Wisconsin.

Charities Review Council of Minnesota, Inc., Saint Paul, MN, **\$50,000**. For general operations to strengthen donor and nonprofit relationships through accountability standards and capacity-building activities throughout Minnesota.

Children's Home Society of Minnesota, Saint Paul, MN, **\$75,000**. To support youth and children living in foster care and help them achieve stability through adoption and other permanency options.

College Possible, Saint Paul, MN, **\$750,000**. To enhance and scale the Tech-Connected High School Program in order to better serve low-income students in Minnesota.

Comprehensive Advanced Life Support, Minneapolis, MN, **\$70,000**. To create online rural emergency medicine education for health care workers to improve patient outcomes in Minnesota.

Folds of Honor Foundation, Owasso, OK, **\$25,000**. For general operations to provide educational scholarships to spouses and children of fallen and disabled service members.

The Foundation Center, New York, NY, **\$10,000**. For membership renewal of this organization, which works to promote philanthropy in Minnesota, North Dakota, and Wisconsin communities by providing free local access to resources in order to help make positive change.

Grantmakers for Effective Organizations, Washington, DC, **\$12,000**. For membership renewal of this organization that helps grantees achieve meaningful results and promotes strategies and practices that contribute to grantee success.

Minnesota Alliance with Youth, Saint Paul, MN, **\$100,000**. For general operations to improve academic outcomes for middle and high school students, create opportunities for youth voice in decision-making spaces, and lead a statewide effort to improve graduation rates in Minnesota.

Minnesota Head Start Association, Inc., Duluth, MN, **\$44,619**. To conduct research to inform local program development and continuous quality improvement in Minnesota's early childhood systems.

My Father's House, Inc., Richfield, MN, **\$50,000**. For general operations to provide housing and support to individuals leaving the criminal justice system or chemical dependency treatment.

The Saint Paul Foundation, Saint Paul, MN, **\$40,000**. To support the strategic initiatives and operations of the Heading Home MN Funders Collaborative to prevent and end homelessness in Minnesota.

Sustainable Farming Association of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN, **\$50,000**. For general operations to support a network of sustainable agriculture producers and consumers in Minnesota.

Wilderness Inquiry, Minneapolis, MN, **\$50,000**. For general operations to support inclusive outdoor experiences that transform individuals, foster work skills, and build healthy communities.

North Dakota Statewide

Lake Agassiz Regional Development Corporation, Fargo, ND, **\$60,000**. To facilitate small business lending in North Dakota and Clay County, Minnesota.

Community Action Partnership of North Dakota, Fargo, ND, **\$75,000**. To support the statewide IDA program in North Dakota.

North Dakota Department of Health, Bismarck, ND, **\$100,000**. To provide matching funds for the Federal State Loan Repayment Program to assist in recruitment and retention efforts for health professionals working in areas with health professional shortages.