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Otto Bremer Trust awards 149 investments totaling \$10.3 million

SAINT PAUL, December 13, 2018 — The Otto Bremer Trust has awarded \$10,296,101 in grants as part of its most recent grantmaking cycle.

“Being responsive to community needs has been a hallmark of OBT, and this round of investments exemplifies that commitment,” said Charlotte Johnson, co-CEO and trustee, Otto Bremer Trust. “Whether providing children’s dental care, job skills training, hunger relief, or supporting tribal populations, we are energized by the programs and organizations impacting the lives of people across the region.”

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 by region and state is included below.

Western North Dakota

Bismarck Public School District No. 1, Bismarck, ND, **\$60,550**. For low-income students to access after-school programming that supports their personal, academic, and social growth.

Bottineau County Coalition Against Domestic Violence, Minot, ND, **\$30,000**. To provide healthy dating/teen dating violence prevention and awareness activities in middle and high schools in Bottineau County.

Cankdeska Cikana Community College, Fort Totten, ND, **\$100,000**. To provide general operations to continue efforts to increase higher education opportunities and academic support for the residents of the Spirit Lake Dakota reservation.

City of Carrington, Carrington, ND, **\$90,000**. To assist the Carrington Fire Department with the purchase of equipment critical to the safety of its volunteer-based firefighting unit.

Community Action Partnership - Minot Region, Minot, ND, **\$40,000**. To assist individuals and families with emergency housing assistance to avoid homelessness.

Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch Foundation, Minot, ND, **\$135,000**. To update social enterprise infrastructure that financially supports the educational, psychiatric, and residential needs of at-risk youth and their families.

Dakota Prairie Community Action Agency, Inc., Devils Lake, ND, **\$50,000**. For general operations to provide a wide range of emergency assistance to lower-income households to assist in securing and maintaining safe, affordable housing in the Devils Lake area.

Good Samaritan Hospital Association, Rugby, ND, **\$100,000**. To provide preventative healthcare for women in Pierce and surrounding North Dakota counties.

Heartview Foundation, Bismarck, ND, **\$200,000**. For the construction of a 16-bed residential substance abuse treatment program and 15 transitional housing units to support people in early recovery in Bismarck, North Dakota.

Minot Area Men's Winter Refuge, Minot, ND, **\$120,712**. For the purchase of a 14-passenger bus and for general operations to support and shelter homeless men in Minot, North Dakota.

Richardton Rural Fire Protection District, Richardton, ND, **\$30,000**. To assist the district with the purchase of equipment critical to the safety of its volunteer-based firefighting unit.

Red River Region

American Lung Association of North Dakota, Fargo, ND, **\$50,000**. To improve North Dakota's behavioral healthcare by integrating tobacco treatment into existing services.

CCRI, Inc., Moorhead, MN, **\$100,000**. For general operations to support their Greatest Need Fund that makes housing accessible and accommodating for people with disabilities.

Churches United for the Homeless, Moorhead, MN, **\$100,000**. For general operations to support the emergency shelter, support services, and permanent supportive housing.

Emerging Prairie, Fargo, ND, **\$85,000**. For general operations and to support launching their Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion initiative.

Fraser, Ltd., Fargo, ND, **\$151,150**. To provide general operations to address youth homelessness in the Fargo area.

Hope Evangelical Covenant Church, Grand Forks, ND, **\$40,000**. To provide access to food and provide classes dealing with nutrition and basic life skills to residents in Grand Forks.

Jeremiah Program, Minneapolis, MN, **\$50,000**. For general operations to provide holistic services designed to empower single mothers and prepare their children for kindergarten in the Fargo-Moorhead area.

North Dakota State College of Science Foundation, Wahpeton, ND, **\$170,000**. To provide job skills training to underemployed, unemployed and New Americans for employment in manufacturing or the healthcare field in the Fargo area.

North Dakota State University, Fargo, ND, **\$60,000**. To provide quality data, tools, and information to organizations in North Dakota.

Red Lake Nation College, Red Lake, MN, **\$100,000**. For general operations to expand educational, technical, and cultural engagement for Red Lake Nation College students.

Rural Enrichment and Counseling Headquarters, Inc., Hawley, MN, **\$45,000**. For general operations to meet basic needs and employment supports for people living in Clay, Becker, and Norman Counties.

ShareHouse Foundation, Fargo, ND, **\$90,000**. For general operations to support the expansion and ongoing operations of the ShareHouse Outpatient Clinic.

uCodeGirl, Fargo, ND, **\$20,000**. For general operations to provide comprehensive year-round programming and services for teen girls in Eastern North Dakota and North Western Minnesota.

Central and Northern Minnesota

180 Degrees, Inc., Minneapolis, MN, **\$100,000**. For general operations and to expand community outreach related to the St. Cloud and Rochester group homes and the southeast Minnesota foster care program.

Accessible Space, Inc., Saint Paul, MN, **\$50,000**. To maintain accessible, affordable housing at Northern Lights Apartments for very low-income adults with physical disabilities.

Family Pathways, North Branch, MN, **\$50,000**. To provide intervention and supportive services for victims of domestic violence and sexual assault in east-central Minnesota.

KOOTASCA Community Action, Inc., Grand Rapids, MN, **\$20,000**. For general operations to increase supportive case management for individuals and families experiencing homelessness or housing crisis in International Falls.

Lakes Area Restorative Justice Project, Brainerd, MN, **\$30,000**. For general operations of the restorative justice program for juvenile offenders, their families, and the community in Crow Wing County.

Rise, Incorporated, Spring Lake Park, MN, **\$50,000**. To serve ex-offenders who have been diagnosed with a serious mental illness, providing the services and support they need to make an effective re-entry into the community and avoid re-incarceration.

True Friends, Annandale, MN, **\$45,000**. For general operations to develop a recruitment initiative to improve hiring, staff quality, and retention at True Friends summer camps.

United Way of Northeastern Minnesota, Chisholm, MN, **\$25,000**. To support the Buddy Backpack program, which provides emergency food provisions to children in Koochiching County and in Nett Lake.

Western and South-Central Minnesota

Alexandria Technical and Community College, Alexandria, MN, **\$142,021**. To assist the college with the purchase and implementation of nursing simulation equipment needed to provide advanced medical training.

Apple Tree Dental, Mounds View, MN, **\$500,000**. To assist with the construction of a new dental center to provide care to low-income families and people with special needs in Fergus Falls.

Brandon Fire and Rescue, Brandon, MN, **\$11,585**. To assist the fire department with the purchase of equipment used to rescue people from water and ice emergencies on lakes and rivers.

Bridging Hearts, Inc., Carver, MN, **\$10,000**. For general operations to support an online social network and group outings for adults with development disabilities.

Camp Sweet Life Adventures, Inc., Madison Lake, MN, **\$10,000**. To provide financial support to a summer camp for children ages 5-17 with Type 1 Diabetes in Minnesota.

Camphill Village Minnesota, Inc., Sauk Centre, MN, **\$50,000**. For general operations and capital support to serve adults with disabilities in Minnesota.

Dakota Wicohan, Morton, MN, **\$30,000**. For general operations to increase belonging and wellbeing through the Dakota language and life ways.

Feeding Our Communities Partners, Mankato, MN, **\$55,000**. To provide supplemental food to elementary and middle school students who face food insecurity in south central Minnesota.

Greater Mankato Area United Way, Mankato, MN, **\$35,000**. To provide financial and community resources to connect low-income youth with enrichment activities in Mankato.

Independent School District 413, Marshall, MN, **\$30,000**. To implement remote classroom technology to improve access for adult literacy learners in southwest Minnesota.

ISAI AH, Saint Paul, MN, **\$25,000**. To support multiracial and multi-faith leadership development to improve the wellbeing of Kandiyohi County residents.

Kandi Works Developmental Achievement Center, Inc., Kandiyohi, MN, **\$50,000**. For general operations to provide Day Training and Habilitation (DT&H) and supported services for individuals with disabilities.

Living Word Lutheran Church, Marshall, MN, **\$21,000**. To provide supplemental food to pre-kindergarten, elementary, and middle school students who face food insecurity in Marshall.

Mid-Minnesota Legal Assistance, Minneapolis, MN, **\$75,000**. To provide legal assistance that supports self-sufficiency for low-income immigrants and refugees.

New Ulm Ministerial Association Shelter Haus, New Ulm, MN, **\$25,000**. For general operations to provide emergency shelter to women and their children in Brown County.

Partners for Affordable Housing, Mankato, MN, **\$60,000**. For general operations to provide emergency shelter and transitional housing to people experiencing homelessness in Mankato.

Southern Prairie Center for Community Health Improvement, Inc., Marshall, MN, **\$85,000**. For general operations to support positive health outcomes for underserved individuals in southwest Minnesota.

Western Communities Action Network (WeCAN), Mound, MN, **\$65,000**. For general operations to provide food, housing, employment training, and other supports to individuals and families in western Hennepin County.

Metro Area Minnesota

African American Leadership Forum, Inc., Minneapolis, MN, **\$75,000**. For general operations to advance the educational, economic, and health needs of the African American/African community.

African Immigrants Community Services, Minneapolis, MN, **\$30,000**. For general operations to provide social services and employment assistance for East African refugees.

Alliance for Metropolitan Stability, Minneapolis, MN, **\$50,000**. To improve employment opportunities and outcomes in the Twin Cities.

Avenues for Homeless Youth, Minneapolis, MN, **\$100,000**. For general operations to provide housing and supportive services to homeless youth aged 16-24 in Hennepin County.

Avivo, Minneapolis, MN, **\$50,000**. To provide at-risk young people with individualized academic and career counseling support.

The Blake School, Hopkins, MN, **\$20,000**. To provide academic enrichment for middle school students in Minneapolis.

Blindness-Learning In New Dimensions, Inc., Minneapolis, MN, **\$40,000**. For general operations to maintain and expand services empowering blind people of all ages to gain self-sufficiency.

Boys & Girls Clubs of the Twin Cities, Saint Paul, MN, **\$50,000**. To provide K-12 academic and life skills support, early intervention, and age-specific youth development activities to ensure youth and teens are prepared for successful futures.

The Bridge for Youth, Minneapolis, MN, **\$100,000**. For general operations to provide crisis intervention, shelter, and supportive services for youth experiencing homelessness.

Children's Dental Services, Inc., Minneapolis, MN, **\$200,000**. To support the expansion of a dental clinic that will serve 5,000 additional patients annually.

Children's Health Care Foundation, Edina, MN, **\$100,000**. To address trauma and reestablish healthy adolescent development for sexually abused and exploited runaway youth.

Citizens League, Saint Paul, MN, **\$25,000**. To provide college students of color paid internships with organizations that foster civic engagement.

Community Emergency Service, Inc., Minneapolis, MN, **\$30,000**. To alleviate food insecurity in the homebound elderly and disabled population, allowing them to remain independent and in their homes.

Cookie Cart, Minneapolis, MN, **\$175,000**. For general operations to provide teens from North Minneapolis and East St. Paul with employment, life skills, and leadership training.

CornerHouse Interagency Child Abuse Evaluation and Training Center, Minneapolis, MN, **\$75,000**. For general operations to provide forensic and family services that will enable children, youth and families to heal from the trauma of abuse and violence.

Cornerstone Advocacy Service, Bloomington, MN, **\$50,000**. For general operations to increase safety, financial stability, and financial capability for survivors of interpersonal violence and their children.

DARTS, West Saint Paul, MN, **\$20,000**. To support the Learning Buddies Program, which engages seniors to help elementary students reach basic reading proficiency levels.

Eastside Meals on Wheels, Inc., Minneapolis, MN, **\$25,000**. To increase organizational capacity to deliver Meals on Wheels to homebound seniors in Minneapolis.

Family Values for Life, Saint Paul, MN, **\$35,000**. For general operations to build strong and stable east St. Paul families.

Frogtown Neighborhood Association, Saint Paul, MN, **\$15,000**. To provide fresh produce and food to Frogtown residents.

Groves Academy, Saint Louis Park, MN, **\$35,000**. To support student literacy by third grade through reading assistance to low-income students.

HIRED, Minneapolis, MN, **\$110,000**. For general operations to provide a continuum of work-readiness, education, and career training programs that help people build skills, increase employability, and achieve self-reliance.

Hope Community, Inc., Minneapolis, MN, **\$70,000**. For general operations to provide safe, affordable housing; community spaces; and skill building and leadership opportunities for all ages.

Indigenous Peoples Task Force, Minneapolis, MN, **\$50,000**. For general operations to strengthen health and education for Native Americans in Minnesota.

International Institute of Minnesota, Saint Paul, MN, **\$45,000**. To provide housing assistance and orientation for New Americans in the Twin Cities.

Jeremiah Program, Minneapolis, MN, **\$40,000**. For general operations of the Minneapolis-St. Paul campuses that provide holistic services to empower single mothers to graduate from college and prepare their children for success.

Jewish Community Action, Saint Paul, MN, **\$30,000**. To support tenant rights education and protect and build affordable housing in suburban Hennepin County.

Joyce Preschool, Minneapolis, MN, **\$50,000**. For general operations to provide bilingual early education with a strong focus on equity.

Kids-N-Kinship, Inc., Apple Valley, MN, **\$35,000**. For general operations to provide mentor relationships to children and youth in the southern Twin Cities suburbs.

Lao Advancement Organization of America, Inc., Minneapolis, MN, **\$15,000**. For general operations to improve the health of seniors through in-home services and center-based programs in the Twin Cities.

Learning Disabilities Association, Golden Valley, MN, **\$50,000**. To provide small-group literacy support for low-income students to achieve success in school, college, and life.

Lee Carlson Center for Mental Health and Well-Being, Fridley, MN, **\$60,000**. For general operations to provide accessible mental health services for individuals across Anoka County and surrounding communities.

The Lift Garage, Minneapolis, MN, **\$75,000**. For general operations to provide care repairs at below-market rates to low-income clients in the Twin Cities.

The Link, Minneapolis, MN, **\$100,000**. To operate supportive housing programs for youth and young families experiencing homelessness in the Twin Cities.

MAD DADS, Minneapolis, MN, **\$50,000**. For general operations to promote public safety and youth development in Minneapolis.

Merriam Park Living at Home Block Nurse Program, Saint Paul, MN, **\$15,000**. For general operations to provide volunteer and professional assistance to enable senior citizens to live independently in their homes.

Metropolitan State University Foundation, Saint Paul, MN, **\$75,000**. To provide financial assistance to students with less than one year left to complete their course work.

Neighborhood HealthSource, Minneapolis, MN, **\$75,000**. For general operations to support primary and preventive health care and support services.

Neighborhood Justice Center, Inc., Saint Paul, MN, **\$75,000**. For general operations to provide criminal defense representation and crime prevention education services to low-income people.

Nokomis Healthy Seniors Program, Minneapolis, MN, **\$45,000**. For general operations to enhance the lives of seniors by helping them continue to live independently in their own homes.

Oasis for Youth, Bloomington, MN, **\$55,000**. For general operations to provide supportive services for youth aged 16-24 facing homelessness in the southern suburbs.

Open Access Connections, Saint Paul, MN, **\$35,000**. To provide free voice mail and supported cell phone service to homeless and low-income individuals.

Our Savior's Community Services, Minneapolis, MN, **\$30,000**. To provide free English, math, citizenship, and computer lab classes, and tutoring sessions for adult immigrant and refugee students in the Twin Cities.

Rebound, Inc., Minneapolis, MN, **\$30,000**. For general operations to provide housing and support for youth involved in the justice system.

RECLAIM, Saint Paul, MN, **\$40,000**. For general operations to provide access to mental health support for LGBTQ youth and families in the Twin Cities.

RELATE, Inc., Minnetonka, MN, **\$50,000**. For general operations to provide mental and chemical health services to individuals in the west metro Twin Cities suburbs.

RS EDEN, Minneapolis, MN, **\$50,000**. To provide supportive housing for individuals who are low-income and disabled and have long-term chronic histories of homelessness.

Sabathani Community Center, Inc., Minneapolis, MN, **\$25,000**. To provide support to food insecure clients in South Minneapolis with mobile distribution and a food shelf.

St. David's Center, Minnetonka, MN, **\$75,000**. To support an intervention that repairs caregiver relationships for children who have faced trauma.

SEWA-AIFW, Minneapolis, MN, **\$35,000**. For general operations to support the health of South Asians in the Twin Cities.

Seward Redesign, Inc., Minneapolis, MN, **\$40,000**. For general operations to increase livability and economic health of Seward and Longfellow neighborhoods through small business development and housing.

Twin Cities Rise!, Minneapolis, MN, **\$200,000**. For general operations to provide job skills training for individuals with barriers to long-term employment and stability.

Ujamaa Place, Saint Paul, MN, **\$90,000**. For general operations to provide education and employment, skill training, safe and secure housing, and mental health support for African-American young men in St. Paul.

Vietnamese Social Services of Minnesota, Saint Paul, MN, **\$60,000**. For general operations to support refugee and immigrant community in St. Paul.

Wellshare International, Minneapolis, MN, **\$60,000**. For general operations to build capacity to deliver programs that improve the health of immigrant and refugee families in the Twin Cities.

Women's Advocates, Inc., Saint Paul, MN, **\$75,000**. For general operations to provide shelter and support for victims of domestic violence.

Women's Initiative for Self-Empowerment (WISE), Inc., Saint Paul, MN, **\$30,000**. To support an after-school leadership and college preparation program targeting at-risk immigrant young women.

Zion Originated Outreach Ministry, Minneapolis, MN, **\$50,000**. For general operations to provide affordable and supportive housing for homeless and low-income families in the Twin Cities.

Southeastern Minnesota

Austin Public School District 492, Austin, MN, **\$30,000**. To pilot the utilization of neuro-mindset curriculum to address retention and goal attainment with adult basic education learners.

Channel One, Inc., Rochester, MN, **\$150,000**. For general operations to provide hunger relief programs and food support in southeastern Minnesota and La Crosse County, Wisconsin.

Engage Winona, Winona, MN, **\$20,000**. For general operations to build, energize, and sustain a collaborative, inclusive greater Winona community through community planning and convening.

Family Service Rochester, Inc., Rochester, MN, **\$100,000**. For support of the Clinical Academy to attract and increase the capacity and competency of mental health professionals to work in and serve southeastern Minnesota communities.

First Homes Properties, Rochester, MN, **\$30,000**. For general operations to develop capacity for leadership in affordable workforce housing development for low- to moderate-income families in the greater Rochester area.

Hospitality House of Owatonna, Owatonna, MN, **\$50,000**. For general operations to provide temporary housing and other opportunities for homeless men to achieve self-sustainability.

Intercultural Mutual Assistance Association of SE Minnesota, Inc., Rochester, MN, **\$100,000**. For general operations to provide services to immigrants and refugees in southeastern Minnesota.

Jeremiah Program, Minneapolis, MN, **\$475,000**. For general operations and capital support to increase social and economic mobility among families headed by low-income single mothers in southeastern Minnesota.

Legal Assistance of Olmsted County, Rochester, MN, **\$35,000**. For general operations to provide free civil legal services to low-income residents in Olmsted County.

Let's Smile, Inc., Owatonna, MN, **\$15,000**. For general operations to improve access to oral health care, increase oral health literacy, and raise awareness about the importance of oral health's impact on overall health.

Planned Parenthood Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota, Saint Paul, MN, **\$75,000**. To provide reproductive health education programs and outreach to young people and community members in Rochester and Mankato.

Saint Anne of Winona, Winona, MN, **\$40,000**. To pilot and implement the Embodied Labs Virtual Reality educational program, which builds empathy among caregivers serving individuals living with Alzheimer's Diseases or related disorders.

SEMCAC, Inc., Rushford, MN, **\$50,000**. To provide emergency financial assistance to low-income households in Mower, Houston, Steele, Winona, and Dodge counties.

Three Rivers Community Action, Inc., Zumbrota, MN, **\$65,000**. To provide comprehensive homeownership counseling, financial coaching, and resources to emerging markets households throughout southeastern Minnesota.

Winona Area Chamber of Commerce Foundation, Winona, MN, **\$75,000**. For support of the REACH program, which provides opportunities for high school students to take part in immersion experiences that focus on workplace preparedness.

Zumbro Valley Health Center, Rochester, MN, **\$100,000**. For support of the metabolic clinic that engages patients with co-morbid or complex conditions in long-term medical care.

Wisconsin

A.B.C. Thrift Shop, Inc., Washburn, WI, **\$25,000**. For capital support of an interior redesign and renovation of a thrift shop that supports community nonprofit organizations.

Burnett County Family Resource Center, Inc., Siren, WI, **\$66,000**. For general operations to provide early childhood programs to families.

Chippewa Valley Technical College Foundation, Inc., Eau Claire, WI, **\$75,000**. For capital support of an expansion of the River Falls campus.

Duluth-Superior Area Community Foundation, Duluth, MN, **\$150,000**. To support the infrastructure of the Apostle Islands and Chequamegon Bay Area Community Funds.

Family Pathways, North Branch, MN, **\$50,000**. For food shelf operations in Frederic and St. Croix Falls, Wisconsin.

Great Rivers United Way, Inc., Onalaska, WI, **\$150,000**. To support Great Rivers HUB, which identifies at-risk clients and assists them to better holistic health.

Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers of Burnett County Inc., Danbury, WI, **\$45,000**. For general operations to provide a variety of services for individuals and families in need.

Literacy Volunteers - Chippewa Valley, Eau Claire, WI, **\$42,583**. For general operations to provide free, flexible adult basic education services.

Northwoods Homeless Shelters, Amery, WI, **\$40,000**. For general operations to provide shelter, case management, and services to homeless families and individuals.

Our Neighbors' Place, Inc., River Falls, WI, **\$35,000**. For general operations to provide comprehensive housing services and case management to homeless and at-risk families.

Stepping Stones of Dunn County, Inc., Menomonie, WI, **\$55,000**. For general operations to provide food, shelter, and services to economically disadvantaged individuals and families.

Minnesota Statewide

The Advocates for Human Rights, Minneapolis, MN, **\$75,000**. To provide low-income immigrants with free legal representation in asylum and labor trafficking cases.

Anti-Defamation League, Chicago, IL, **\$25,000**. To expand delivery of training to law enforcement officers in Minnesota with the goal to strengthen community-police relations and contribute to more respectful policing for all.

Community Dental Care, Inc., Maplewood, MN, **\$120,000**. For general operations to increase access to dental services for low-income and minority patients.

Farmers' Legal Action Group, Inc., Saint Paul, MN, **\$50,000**. For general operations to provide legal services to farmers in need to help strengthen farm families and their communities.

First Nations Development Institute, Longmont, CO, **\$175,000**. To support tribal and urban American Indian communities in developing food systems for economic growth and participation.

The Food Group, Inc., New Hope, MN, **\$80,000**. For general operations to continue working at the intersection of local access, nutrition, and equity to build a healthier community and food system for all Minnesotans.

HOME Line, Minneapolis, MN, **\$55,000**. For general operations to support information, education, and advocacy services to renters in Minnesota.

Hunger Solutions Minnesota, Saint Paul, MN, **\$60,000**. For general operations to support capacity building efforts in Greater Minnesota.

Minnesota Association for Volunteer Administration, Saint Paul, MN, **\$50,000**. To build capacity for Greater Minnesota nonprofits and government entities through more efficient and effective volunteerism.

Minnesota Organization on Fetal Alcohol Syndrome, Saint Paul, MN, **\$50,500**. To support the provision of legal services to clinic patients with complex needs and their families.

Philanthrofund Foundation, Minneapolis, MN, **\$50,000**. For general operations to ensure LGBTQ individuals enjoy equal rights, safety and security, and access to resources.

Propel Nonprofits, Minneapolis, MN, **\$100,000**. For general operations to improve the financial strength of nonprofits.

Ronald McDonald House Charities, Upper Midwest, Minneapolis, MN, **\$50,000**. For general operations to provide home-away-from-home and a place of respite for families dealing with a child's serious illness, injury, or disability.

North Dakota Statewide

Girl Scouts, Dakota Horizons, Sioux Falls, SD, **\$150,000**. To support the Girl Scouts Leadership Initiative for At-Risk Girls for girls on reservations and other under-served areas of North Dakota and Minnesota to develop skills they will use for a lifetime.