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## **Farm Rescue is awarded \$150,000 grant from Otto Bremer Foundation**

*Grant represents Otto Bremer Foundation's strong support for farm families and rural communities*

**HORACE, N.D, June 16, 2015** - Farm Rescue, a nonprofit organization that provides planting, haying or harvesting assistance free of charge to farm families who have experienced a major illness, injury or natural disaster, received a grant totaling \$150,000 from the Otto Bremer Foundation. The funding will be awarded to Farm Rescue over a two-year period for the purpose of general operating support.

Farm Rescue reached a milestone in the fall season of 2014, helping their 300<sup>th</sup> farm family near Fergus Falls, MN. Farm Rescue is grateful for the business sponsors, grantors and individual donors who make it possible to provide timely assistance to farmers and ranchers during times of unexpected crises.

The Otto Bremer Foundation and Bremer Bank were one of the first sponsors of Farm Rescue and continue to be strong supporters of helping farm families and rural communities. They are among the largest sponsors of the one-of-a-kind nonprofit organization. In 2014, Bremer Bank donated \$25,000 and the Otto Bremer Foundation donated \$75,000, for a cumulative donation of \$100,000.

"The Otto Bremer Foundation and Bremer Bank have consistently shown unwavering support of farm families and rural communities," said Bill Gross, Founder and President, Farm Rescue. "Otto Bremer was really a visionary in his time for developing a wonderful structure between Bremer Bank and the Otto Bremer Foundation that created a unique and sustainable avenue of goodness to help communities throughout our region. It is truly impressive by any measure."

"The Otto Bremer Foundation is happy to support Farm Rescue," said Brian Lipschultz, co-CEO and trustee of the Otto Bremer Foundation. "It provides important services to help farm families avoid economic hardship."

### ***About Farm Rescue***

Farm Rescue was founded in 2006 and has helped more than 320 families since its inception. The organization's mission is to help farmers who have experienced a major illness, injury, or natural disaster by providing the necessary equipment and manpower to plant, harvest or hay their crop. Farm Rescue helps farm families in North Dakota, South Dakota, Montana, Minnesota, and Iowa. Applications are currently being accepted for the 2015 haying and harvest seasons, which can be obtained at 701-252-2017 or [www.farmrescue.org](http://www.farmrescue.org).

### ***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 strives to help build healthy, vibrant communities in the places that are homes and neighbors to Bremer banks—communities where basic needs are met, mutual regard is prized and opportunities for economic, civic and social participation are within everyone's reach. The Otto Bremer Foundation owns 92 percent of Bremer Bank, and receives an equivalent share of the bank profits that are paid out as dividends. This means that a large portion of bank profit is invested back in local communities through grants and program-related investments.

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