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Farm Rescue to Receive \$200,000 from Otto Bremer Foundation and Bremer Bank
Funds represent Otto Bremer Foundation's and Bremer Bank's strong support of farm families

JAMESTOWN, N.D., April 29, 2013 - Farm Rescue, a nonprofit organization that provides planting and harvesting assistance free of charge to farm families who have experienced a major illness, injury or natural disaster, will receive two-year funding of \$150,000 from the Otto Bremer Foundation and \$50,000 from Bremer Bank. The \$200,000 will be used for equipment, training, and general operations.

"We are very thankful that the Otto Bremer Foundation and Bremer Bank have been strong supporters of Farm Rescue since our inception in 2006," said Bill Gross, Farm Rescue President and Founder. "The Otto Bremer Foundation and Bremer Bank have a solid history of assisting in the betterment of communities and continues to show an unwavering commitment in helping people achieve full economic, civic, and social participation. This funding will help us to expand our assistance to farm families in a larger geographical area."

"The Otto Bremer Foundation is pleased to provide support as Farm Rescue continues to help farm families survive potentially devastating circumstances," said Charlotte Johnson, a Foundation Trustee. "Keeping family farms intact benefits not only the families involved, but the economies and overall health of the rural communities that depend on family farms for their well-being."

"At Bremer, our vision is to build healthy communities through partnerships and we live out that vision by supporting strong organizations like Farm Rescue," said Kevin Powers, group president at Bremer Bank. "Agriculture is a very important part of our business and a major economic contributor to many of our bank communities. We think the work that Farm Rescue does to keep our farms healthy and thriving is critical and we are very proud to support them."

About Farm Rescue

Farm Rescue was founded in 2006 and has helped more than 200 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 or harvest their crop. Farm Rescue helps farm families in North Dakota, South Dakota, Montana, Minnesota, and Iowa. Applications are currently being accepted for the 2013 planting season, which can be obtained at 701-252-2017 or 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.

About Bremer Financial Corporation

Bremer Financial Corporation is a privately-held \$8.9 billion regional financial services company, jointly-owned by its employees and the Otto Bremer Foundation (OBF). Founded in 1943 by Otto Bremer, the company is

headquartered in St. Paul, Minnesota, and provides a comprehensive range of banking, investment, trust, and insurance services to locations in Minnesota, North Dakota, and Wisconsin. OBF uses its share of dividends to distribute charitable grants to Bremer bank communities. In 2012, more than \$30 million in charitable donations were given across the Bremer footprint, and employees donated more than 150,000 volunteer hours to their communities.

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