



## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**Contacts:** Bill Gross, Farm Rescue  
Founder & President  
[billgross@farmrescue.org](mailto:billgross@farmrescue.org)  
(701) 252-2017

Dan Erdmann, Farm Rescue  
Marketing Communications  
[dan@farmrescue.org](mailto:dan@farmrescue.org)  
(701) 412-6926

## **Farm Rescue Awarded \$100,000 Grant from Otto Bremer Trust** *Trust continues its strong support of rural families in crisis*

**HORACE, N.D., February 13, 2018** - Farm Rescue, a nonprofit organization that provides planting, harvesting, haying and hay hauling assistance free of charge to farm and ranch families who have experienced a major illness, injury or natural disaster, received a grant totaling \$100,000 from the Otto Bremer Trust.

Farm Rescue just completed its busiest year to date, with over 125 farm and ranch families receiving assistance from the nonprofit's Angels in Blue volunteers. The organization also reached another milestone by assisting its 500<sup>th</sup> family since operations first began in 2006. 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 Trust was among Farm Rescue's earliest sponsors and continues to be a strong supporter of rural communities throughout the region. They are also one of the largest sponsors of the one-of-a-kind nonprofit organization, with investments totaling more than \$650,000 throughout Farm Rescue's history.

"The Otto Bremer Trust has been instrumental in the success of our mission," said Bill Gross, Founder & President, Farm Rescue. "We thank them for helping us to assist hundreds of farm families in crisis."

"We believe Farm Rescue is an important asset to the region and value the work they are doing," said Brian Lipschultz, Co-CEO and Trustee, Otto Bremer Trust. "Our investment in Farm Rescue's programs help farm and ranch families across the region who are facing difficult economic challenges."

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

Farm Rescue has helped more than 525 families since its inception in 2006. The organization's mission is to help farmers and ranchers who have experienced a major illness, injury, or natural disaster by providing the necessary equipment and manpower to plant, hay or harvest their crop. Livestock feeding assistance is also available to ranchers. Farm Rescue helps farm and ranch families in North Dakota, South Dakota, Minnesota, Montana, Nebraska and Iowa. Applications are currently being accepted for livestock feeding assistance, which can be obtained at 701-252-2017 or [www.farmrescue.org](http://www.farmrescue.org). Referrals are welcome.

### ***About the Otto Bremer Trust***

Based in St. Paul, Minnesota, the Otto Bremer Trust 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 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](http://ottobremer.org).

###