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Second Harvest Heartland and the Otto Bremer Trust Look to Make a Greater Impact on Hunger Relief with \$3 million Program-Related Investment

(Saint Paul, MN) September 23, 2019—Through a program-related investment of \$3 million, the Otto Bremer Trust (OBT) will support the final phases of construction of Second Harvest Heartland’s new Brooklyn Park hunger-relief center. The new facility will provide additional temperature-controlled space and make it possible to increase the number of meals from 89 million this year to nearly 112 million meals by 2025.

One in 11 families in Minnesota and western Wisconsin don’t know where their next meal will come from. OBT’s investment will help Second Harvest Heartland work more efficiently with fewer dollars.

“The Otto Bremer Trust has been a valuable partner for more than 15 years and has a long history of supporting many of the food shelves and meal programs that we serve,” said Allison O’Toole, CEO, Second Harvest Heartland. “We are thrilled to partner with them on the completion of our new Brooklyn Park facility that will make it possible for us to feed even more of our hungry neighbors.”

A longtime supporter of Second Harvest Heartland, OBT provided support for the Food Rescue and Prepared Food Rescue programs as well as the Fresh Produce program, the latter of which helped the organization develop better strategies for sourcing fresh produce.

“Second Harvest Heartland continues to do tremendous work to address hunger needs in the region,” said Brian Lipschultz, Co-CEO and Trustee, OBT. “Our investment in the Brooklyn Park facility will help make an immediate impact in the number of meals they can provide to the community.”

Program-related investments are an important tool used to provide capital to qualified organizations with demonstrated capabilities in areas consistent with the lender.

Learn more about Second Harvest Heartland’s new hunger-relief center and how we’re working with community partners to end hunger once and for all, visit <https://fuelingthefuture.2harvest.org/>

For more information on Otto Bremer Trust’s commitment to the community, visit <https://ottobremer.org/about-us/>.

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About Second Harvest Heartland

Second Harvest Heartland is one of the largest, most efficient and most innovative hunger relief organizations in the nation. In close partnership with nearly 1,000 food shelves, food pantries and other meal programs, Second Harvest Heartland helps the one in 11 people in Minnesota and western Wisconsin who face hunger every day. On average, 74 percent of food our partner agencies distribute comes from Second Harvest Heartland. In 2018, Second Harvest Heartland helped provide a record 89 million meals to more than a half million people. We will continue to leverage our unique position in the emergency food chain to advocate, educate and provide food until everyone in our service area has what they need to thrive. For more information, visit 2harvest.org or call 651.484.5117.

About the Otto Bremer Trust

The Otto Bremer Trust is a bank holding company and a private charitable trust based in St. Paul, Minn., that works at the intersection of finance and philanthropy. OBT is the 92 percent owner of Bremer Bank, a regional financial services company, and also manages a diversified investment portfolio. Since its founding, OBT has invested more than \$700 million in people, places and opportunities in the Upper Midwest. Visit ottobremer.org.