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The Community Foundation for Carver County Awarded \$20,000 Grant *Otto Bremer Foundation Provides Local Incentive to Give*

The Community Foundation for Carver County recently received a \$20,000 matching grant from the Otto Bremer Foundation, a St. Paul-based foundation that has served greater Minnesota, North Dakota and Wisconsin communities since 1944.

With every dollar raised up to \$20,000 by The Community Foundation for Carver County, the Otto Bremer Foundation will match it dollar-for-dollar, doubling the impact of every gift. Matching grant funds will help the local Foundation's operations as it identifies and responds to critical community needs across Carver County.

"Our priority is to help individuals, families and organizations realize their philanthropic vision through funds they set up in our care; however, we also have a concurrent need to secure our own sustainability as an organization," said Mary Langworthy, Executive Director, The Community Foundation for Carver County.

According to Bob Roepke, Chair of the local Foundation's Board of Directors, securing the \$20,000 Otto Bremer grant is a "great start, but our ultimate goal is to raise funds to create an organization that is sustainable for the long-term benefit of those living and working in Carver County."

With solid operations in place, the Foundation can then continue working with donors to help them realize their philanthropic vision. "We can effectively connect people and their financial support to the community issues they care about. Their contributions will be reinvested – through grants, scholarships and other resources – to enhance the quality of life in Carver County," Langworthy said.

Community Connections

The Community Foundation for Carver County, while also a public nonprofit organization, is primarily a grant-maker and not a direct service provider. Rather than focus on servicing a particular need, the Foundation serves donors – including families and businesses – and the broad needs of the community.

"Setting up a family or corporate foundation can be costly and tedious. The Community Foundation for Carver County presents a unique partnership opportunity – flexible,

accessible and local – that allows donors to participate in the grant-making process as they desire,” Langworthy said.

Langworthy and members of the Foundation’s Board of Directors are meeting with individuals and organizations across the county to demonstrate the positive impact that the Foundation can have on Carver County.

“To ensure the health and vitality of our communities tomorrow, we need the collective planning and investment of the people who live and work in Carver County today,” Roepke added. “The more people who learn about and understand the benefits provided by The Community Foundation for Carver County, the quicker we can move into our long-term role of connecting community resources with community needs.”

To learn more about The Community Foundation for Carver County, visit www.carvercountyfoundation.org and click on “view our video,” or contact Mary Langworthy at (952) 250-5138 or via e-mail at mlangworthy@carvercountyfoundation.org.

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