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Diane Benjamin Joins the Otto Bremer Foundation as Program Officer

ST. PAUL, August 17, 2011 — The Otto Bremer Foundation today announced the addition of Diane Benjamin as program officer.

“We are delighted to welcome Diane to our staff,” said Randi Ilyse Roth, Foundation executive director. “She brings deep understanding and experience on issues important to urban and rural communities, including community health, child well-being and basic needs.”

Benjamin comes to the Foundation from the Frameworks Institute in Washington, DC, where she served as senior associate. As director of the Interpretation Unit, Benjamin developed publications and online training tools and provided training and technical assistance throughout the United States to help community-based organizations take effective action on community health, immigration, early childhood development, child abuse and neglect, and education reform.

Prior to joining the Institute, Benjamin served as director of outreach for the Maternal and Child Health Training Program at the University of Minnesota and as the director of Minnesota KIDS COUNT at the Children’s Defense Fund of Minnesota for nearly a decade. She holds a Master of Public Health degree in community health education from the University of Minnesota and a B.A. from Concordia College in Moorhead.

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. This mission is based on the vision and personal example of founder Otto Bremer, whose commitment to communities during and after the Great Depression continues to guide the Foundation’s work in the places that are homes and neighbors to Bremer banks.

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. In 2010, the Foundation provided approximately \$24.1 million in grants.

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