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Rochester Area Family YMCA receives \$100,000 grant from the Otto Bremer Trust

Rochester, MN – December 8, 2016– In February of 2016 the Otto Bremer Trust made a gift of \$100,000 to the Rochester Area Family YMCA to raise dollars for much needed facility repairs and improvements. \$50,000 of this gift was given up-front, while the second \$50,000 was to be matched with \$50,000 from the Rochester Community. The YMCA is pleased to announce that we have raised the matching grant dollars in the community and have received the second half of our gift from Bremer Trust.

The Otto Bremer Trust made this serious investment in the Y after conducting a thorough analysis with Y leadership. The analysis revealed some key projects that, if funded, would propel the Y forward on a road to sustainability. Such projects include the installation of upgrading the controls of our HVAC system costing \$25,000. This will save the Y an average of \$30,000 per year in energy costs. In addition, a \$15,000 investment in information technology upgrades – hardware and software – is projected to double administrative efficiencies. Further, an investment of \$60,000 to be used for general maintenance and fitness equipment repairs along with cost savings that result from the HVAC installation will maintain the current facility over the next few years while Board leadership prepares the strategic vision and plan for future growth.

“We know these are just temporary solutions for an aging building,” says Ann Beatty, Board Chair, “But we are confident that we are investing the matching gift from Otto Bremer Trust in the most responsible and astute manner as Y leadership continues to vision for the future.”

The Otto Bremer Trust is a private charitable trust established in 1944 by founder Otto Bremer. The organization has invested more than \$550 million in organizations throughout Minnesota, North Dakota and western Wisconsin.

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About the Rochester Area Family YMCA

The Rochester Area Family YMCA has been part of the Rochester community since 1867, when a reading room for young men was organized. The Y continues to be one of the leading nonprofits that strengthens the community through youth development, healthy living and social responsibility. The Y’s mission is to put Christian principles into practice through programs that build healthy spirit, mind and body for all. This organization helps the community, regardless of age, income or background, and has provided over 1,800 individuals in the community a membership through the Open Doors Scholarship program in 2016. More information can be found at www.rochfamy.org.