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Woodbury / Foundation given \$100,000 gift

A local bank and its foundation have donated almost \$100,000 to the Woodbury Community Foundation.

The Otto Bremer Foundation — linked to the Bremer Bank — gave \$91,000 to the Woodbury foundation in December to hire its first director. Last week, Bremer Bank contributed about \$9,000 to help the foundation develop a mission.

The Woodbury foundation was founded in 2003 and so far has given grants totaling about \$3,000, said director Alisa Rabin Bell.

The foundation's purpose is to match donors with worthy causes, particularly social charities such as the Woodbury food shelf. But, said Bell, the foundation may branch into other areas, such as promoting the arts or improving the environment.

"We are in the process of deciding what to do for our community," she said.

— Bob Shaw