

# THE HORMEL FOUNDATION

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## **New Director named to The Hormel Foundation Board**

*Long-time city attorney and community leader Craig Johnson joins Foundation*

**AUSTIN, Minn. (Dec. 17, 2012)** — After 32 years of service on The Hormel Foundation board, Austin attorney Kermit F. Hoversten retired as a director on October 31<sup>st</sup>. Hoversten was recognized for his long service which spanned 1980 to 2012, including service as Vice Chair between 1998 – 2006.

“Kermit Hoversten is a highly-respected member of our community and has been an active, committed participant to the mission of the Foundation,” said Gary J. Ray, chair of The Hormel Foundation. “His contribution to the foundation – helping serve the needs of the Austin community - has been invaluable and he will be missed.”

Another noted Austin attorney, Craig W. Johnson, was elected to replace Hoversten at the foundation’s Dec. 11 board meeting. Johnson is a longtime Austin resident and attended the University of Minnesota as both an undergraduate and law student. A partner of the Hoversten, Johnson, Beckmann & Hovey LLP law firm and active in leadership within the legal profession, Johnson also is an active community leader. In addition to many professional activities, below are some examples of his service to the community:

- Former chair; current board member and active participant in Development Corporation of Austin
- Board of Trustees, Austin Medical Center, affiliated with Mayo Health System, 1999-2007
- Former president and board member, AMC Foundation
- Board of Directors; former president of Austin Community Scholarship Committee
- Board of Directors of Austin/Mower County United Way, 1988-2000
- President of Austin Rotary Club, 1995-96
- Board member, former president of Austin Country Club
- Board of Directors of Hormel Historic Home, 2002-2008
- Former member of Austin Human Rights Commission
- Former business manager and board member of Austin Symphony Orchestra
- Former member of Board of Directors of St. Mark's Lutheran Home

Johnson received the Austin Chamber of Commerce Lifetime Achievement Award in 2011.

“There is no doubt that Mr. Johnson is committed to the Austin community and will bring much experience to the Board,” said Ray. “We look forward to working with Craig as a valued associate who will help us achieve the mission of the Foundation.”

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- The Hormel Foundation has  
19 board members  
-\$6 million in contributions  
awarded to Austin area  
organizations in 2013

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**About The Hormel Foundation**

The Hormel Foundation, a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization, was established in 1941 by Hormel Foods Corporation founder George A. Hormel and his son, Jay C. Hormel. Contributions from The Hormel Foundation directly benefit the Austin, Minnesota area. The Hormel Foundation was reorganized in 1980 as a supporting organization under I.R.C. Section 509(a)(3). As a supporting organization, it is organized and operated for the benefit of those charitable or educational organizations represented on its board.

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