

ACC opens Community Services Office in Grand Forks

The Anne Carlsen Center has seen its fair share of milestones and accomplishments over its near 70-year history. This summer marked another major one.

The Center opened a Community Services Office in Grand Forks in June, expanding the scope of the services ACC provides to North Dakota. The staff at this new office has been extremely busy over the last few months and has begun serving families in the Grand Forks area.

ACC plans to collaborate with fellow professionals in the region to provide the best services possible for families. Discussions have already taken

place with the occupational therapy and special education departments at the University of North Dakota. Discussions will also continue with departments such as social work, physical therapy, communication science disorders, nursing and medicine.

Services Available

ACC staff provides two support programs, as well as assessments and evaluations, that are helping to create meaningful lives full of dignity for individuals with disabilities and their families.

In-Home Supports allow families to bring the Center's first-rate care into

the home, a progressive and time-saving option for many parents and individuals.

Personal and Community Supports help individuals with disabilities become well-rounded, active participants in their community. Created specifically for people over the age of 21, the program offers socializing and networking options that can help individuals enjoy rich, full lives.

The Community Services Office is located at 2860 10th Ave. North, near the Ralph Engelstad Arena in Grand Forks. It is open from 8 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.

Question and Answer: DEB GRESHIK

Deb Greshik is likely the first person you meet when you visit the Anne Carlsen Center. Stationed at the desk just off to the right of the main entry of the Jamestown Campus, Deb fields hundreds of phone calls every day and wears quite a few hats during her work day. She runs the hub of the ACC, staying in contact with the drivers of the vehicles that transport ACC's residents and students around Jamestown, scheduling use of conference rooms, and if not being able to provide an answer to a question, pointing people in the right direction to get a prompt answer.

Q – What is your full name?

A – Deborah (Deb) Jo Greshik (Carlson).

Q – What is your official title with ACC?

A – Assistant II Receptionist.

Q – What do your daily duties include?

A – Greet visitors, answer phones, assist

students with banking, sell stamps and meal cards to staff, data entry for all therapy departments and provide the best customer service as is possible.

Q – When did you start working at the Anne Carlsen Cen-

ter?

A – August 2000.

Q – What brought you to the Center?

A – I had been working for the James River Senior Center here in Jamestown and met Dr. Anne Carlsen there when she was playing cards. She said I should come work for her. I checked for openings and there was a position open for a staff secretary (a position she held for three years). The rest is history.

Q – What is your favorite food?

A – Chinese.

Q – What is your favorite part of the workday?

A – Definitely when the children are coming to school in the morn-

ing. It is like a parade every day. Some of the children wave and say hi. Some wave in their own way.

Q – What are the best parts of your job and why?

A – Interacting with the children and their families and telling my stories about the Anne Carlsen Center to visitors. I love my job and I love coming to work.

Q – What has been the best technological advance(s) to help your job?

A – Intranet and my computer.

Q – Favorite color(s)?

A – I like earthy colors – natural greens and browns.



Deb Greshik