

Message
from the CEO

*Extending
our reach
to offer a greater
quality of life*



ACC students made a special gift for those attending the July 8 ceremony—a hand-decorated flowerpot containing a marigold and featuring ACC's new logo.

CEO Dan Howell prepares for a television news interview about ACC's expansion of services.

Each day, the Anne Carlsen Center offers countless opportunities to witness determination and hope. I am continually inspired by the amount of courage demonstrated by the individuals in our care and the spirit of compassion embodied by our staff.

This summer provided additional inspiration, as the Center celebrated plans to empower more children and young adults with disabilities, and their families. While maintaining our well-established Jamestown campus, ACC has begun to branch out. Aware of the pressing need statewide for services, we are determined to bring our high level of expertise and caring to people where they are. ACC plans to establish Community Services Offices across North Dakota. In each community, we will provide the services and supports needed to foster lives of dignity and independence.

In July, ACC unveiled those plans in a special ceremony at the Jamestown campus. In August, we held a grand opening and ribbon cutting for our first-ever Community Services Office. Located in Grand Forks, this office is offering vital information and resources for families in that region. The Center has already begun to serve clients there and is providing a variety of individualized services.

We help Grand Forks-area families stay together by empowering parents and guardians to support their child or young adult at home. In areas such as behavior management and social skill development, we provide in-home support and training. For adults over 21, we offer skill training and opportunities to become valuable members of their community.

Our namesake, Dr. Anne Carlsen, would be proud to see the ways in which we are meeting the needs around us. She worked tirelessly to help individuals with disabilities reach a higher level of independence and, ultimately, contribute to the world around them. That passion and commitment continues to be the driving force of the work we do. It's rewarding to see the blossoms today from the seeds she planted during her lifetime.

I want to sincerely thank you, our generous donors, for helping us carry on this legacy. With your monetary support, you are helping us enhance our services and create amazing opportunities for children and young adults of all abilities. We are extremely grateful for friends like you.

Sincerely,

Dan Howell
Chief Executive Officer

