



Zachary Hofmann—seated next to his mom, Patty, and caregiver John Andrus—receives skill training and community-based programming from the Anne Carlsen Center.

CEO Dan Howell speaks about Dr. Anne Carlsen's legacy. A portrait of the Center's namesake and inspiration is displayed behind the podium.



ACC reveals expansion of services & tribute to namesake

The Anne Carlsen Center (ACC) celebrated its past and its future in a colorful outdoor ceremony in Jamestown on July 8.

ACC announced that it is building on a rich tradition of supporting individuals and families by expanding its services. The Center opened its first Community Services Office over the summer in Grand Forks (see next page).

Over the next three years, ACC is planning to open similar offices in the state's other larger communities to help support those with significant challenges, including autism and fragile medical conditions. By working closely with other professionals in the community and state, the Center will offer caring, community-based services and continue its mission of "Nurturing abilities. Changing lives."

"By extending our expertise to communities across the state, we can help more individuals enjoy a greater quality of life," says CEO Dan Howell.

Zachary Hofmann, a 21-year-old with cerebral palsy, attended the July 8 ceremony. He is among those thriving with the help of ACC's expanded services.

"My prayers were answered with the program," says his mom, Patty. Zachary receives specialized skill training and community-based programming from the Center's highly-trained staff. Patty especially appreciates how the staff strives each day to provide a variety of meaningful activities for Zachary.

"The Anne Carlsen Center is providing choices for families," says Harvey Huber, ACC Board member.

While the Center is reaching out with its Community Services, the campus in Jamestown will continue to be a vital part of ACC's mission. "The Jamestown campus is home for many children and young adults and that will never change," Huber says.

A new look for a new era

Attendees of the July ceremony also got their first look at ACC's inspiring new logo. The butterfly, the symbol for the Center since 2003, has been softened and features the silhouette of a person between the wings. Underneath the wings, you'll find a tribute to the Center's namesake, Dr. Anne Carlsen (1915–2002).

Born without fully developed arms or legs, Anne refused to let her physical impairments limit her in any way. She lived a full life and embraced the roles of teacher, principal, superintendent and mentor during her 60-year career at the Anne Carlsen Center.

"Using a special pen she could use with her limbs, Anne Carlsen had penmanship that rivaled that of most people without disabilities," says Howell. "She was a shining example to others that anything is possible with determination and faith."

Dr. Anne's signature has been memorialized in the Center's new logo. Underneath the butterfly wings, you'll find the elegant penmanship of this intelligent and compassionate leader.

Strengthened by this legacy of hope and determination, the Anne Carlsen Center works to help individuals make the most of their abilities. We have a passion for meeting the specific interests, needs and dreams of all those we serve.

For more information about ACC's Community Services, contact the Jamestown campus at 1-800-568-5175 or the Grand Forks office at 1-888-815-3770. Information is also available at www.annecenter.org.