

MESSAGE FROM THE CEO

Touching More Lives

Center unveils fresh look, expanded services, and vision for the future

Milestones are celebrated at the Center every single day, as our amazing students learn and grow. A child with autism, for years living in silence, speaks his first word. A youth in a wheelchair takes her first swim in a pool. A teenager uses a computer for the first time, with the help of assistive technology.

Dr. Anne Carlsen understood the significance of all those accomplishments. Born without fully developed arms or legs, she was determined to lead a self-sufficient, productive life. As a teacher, administrator and mentor at the Center, she touched countless lives with her great courage, unwavering determination, and keen intellect.

Because Dr. Anne's impact was so great, the Center was named in her honor. This summer, Anne Carlsen Center for Children became the Anne Carlsen Center. This change reflects the many lives we touch on a daily basis, as we carry on Dr. Anne's legacy of hope. In addition to caring for children, we offer expertise, guidance and compassion to young adults, families, caregivers and professionals.

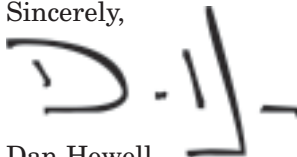
While we continue our tradition of excellence on our campus in Jamestown, we are expanding our outreach services to other parts of the state (see page 6). In June, we opened an outreach office in the city of Grand Forks. In that community, families of high-needs children don't have to travel far to access our resources, expertise and caring staff. We can help keep families together by providing support and training in their homes and communities. By answering the tough questions and providing practical solutions, we give them the tools they need to build healthy, meaningful lives. We also serve young adults with developmental disabilities, giving each the opportunity to grow, learn, and become vital participants in community life. In the coming years, we will open outreach offices in the state's other larger communities.

Dr. Anne would be proud to see how we've grown, as we work to help more individuals with disabilities achieve the independence she so greatly cherished. She once said, "Empowerment is going from dependence to independence." In this issue of *The Ambassador* (see page 7), you'll see how we've empowered a young family, as the parents work to meet the needs of their 18-month-old twins.

While we provide hope for the future, we also offer a visual reminder of our foundation of love and determination. Our new logo—a beautiful, inspiring design—helps us share Dr. Anne's courageous life story (see page 4). This rich heritage defines us, as we work to focus on the abilities of each person in our care. We are confident that this logo will serve us well for years to come, as we strive to support and encourage individuals on their path to independence.

Thank you for your role in shaping the lives of these remarkable individuals. Your heartfelt generosity helps us nurture abilities, change lives, and fulfill Dr. Anne's vision for the future.

Sincerely,



Dan Howell
Chief Executive Officer

