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## For Immediate Release

## Camp Autumn Awarded American Camp Association Accreditation

**Spencer**, **IA** – Camp Autumn, a therapeutic day camp for children located in O'Brien County, has been awarded the American Camp Association (ACA) accreditation. Camp Autumn is an extension of Autumn's Center, a regional children's center located in Spencer, Iowa.

"Obtaining ACA Accreditation was an important piece of the camp planning from the very beginning, as it evidences an ongoing commitment to caring for our campers in a safe, nurturing environment," said Kim Scorza, CEO/President of Seasons. "We are grateful for the opportunity to work with the ACA to continue to provide this type of environment for all campers at Camp Autumn."

Along with an accreditation with the ACA, Camp Autumn will be supported with staff training resources, risk management tools, quality assessment tools, advocacy, and access to experts committed to providing a quality camp experience.

"ACA Accreditation means that Camp Autumn has undergone a thorough peer review of its operations, including but not limited to staff qualifications, camper engagement and activity safety, and camper health," said Christina Eggink-Postma, VP of Program Coordination and Compliance. "We are proud of this accreditation and thankful for the ACA partnership and support that will enable us to continue to serve children at Camp Autumn in a manner that reflects the most current research in camp operations and outcomes."

Camp Autumn first opened in June of 2017 and served over 140 children over the 9-week summer program, with many attending for multiple weeks. Programs and events continue at Camp Autumn all year long. Camp Autumn is located at 4233 Yew Avenue in Sutherland.

For more information on this event or services provided by Seasons, Autumn's Center, and Camp Autumn, please visit our website at: <a href="www.seasonscenter.org">www.seasonscenter.org</a> or call 1.800.242.5101.

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