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## **Seasons Center to Host 4th Annual Rally to End Child Abuse**

**Orange City, IA** – Seasons Center for Behavioral Health is hosting the 4th Annual END IT! for Autumn Rally in support of Child Abuse Prevention Month on April 6, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. at the Sioux County Sheriff's Office in Orange City.

Northwest Iowa law enforcement, DHS offices, county attorneys, County Board of Supervisors, area Senators and Representatives have all been invited to participate. All community members in support of ending child abuse are welcome to join in the rally. Refreshments will be served following speeches from Kim Scorza, CEO/President of Seasons Center; Dan Altena, Sioux County Sheriff; and Jen Elgersma, mother of Autumn Elgersma, who died from injuries sustained while in the care of her babysitter. A prayer will also be made by Pastor John Klompfen of Calvary Christian Reformed Church.

Phil and Jen Elgersma and family from Orange City, Iowa, have partnered with Seasons Center as a way to honor and memorialize Autumn's life.

"The rally is a great way to kick off Child Abuse Prevention Month," said Jen Elgersma, mother of Autumn. "This event provides a good opportunity for the public to encourage our local law enforcement and social workers to help us end child abuse!"

The rally will be held at the Sioux County Sheriff's Office at 4363 Ironwood Avenue located northwest of Orange City. The rally on April 6, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. will be a time to reflect on victims of child abuse and learn what our communities can do to help prevent it. Off street parking is available.

For more information on this event or services provided by Seasons, Autumn's Center, and Camp Autumn, please visit our website at: [www.seasonscenter.org](http://www.seasonscenter.org) or call 1.800.242.5101.

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Autumn's Center, the first of its kind regional children's center, houses rooms and offices designated to care for children's behavioral health, including areas for psychiatric services, outpatient therapy, psychological testing, behavioral health intervention services, substance abuse counseling, parent education, and care coordination services. The center offers a child friendly and healing environment throughout the building.

Founded in 1959, Seasons Center for Behavioral Health continues to be a leading, comprehensive behavioral health center in the northwest region of Iowa. Offering a broad range of behavioral health Services, Seasons recognizes that investing in behavioral health is investing in a community's economic, education, health and human services systems. Seasons strives to empower individuals so they might become active, contributing members of their communities. For more information on Seasons' services, please visit [www.seasonscenter.org](http://www.seasonscenter.org) or call 1-800-242-5101.

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