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## **Northwest Iowa Law Enforcement Raise Money for Camp Autumn**

**Spencer, IA** – April is Child Abuse Awareness Month and this year, local law enforcement raised \$625.00 for Camp Autumn in the Cops for Camp Campaign.

Camp Autumn is a therapeutic day camp for children ages 4-21 located in O'Brien County. Services began at Camp Autumn on June 5, 2017, with nearly 150 children participating in the first nine weeks of summer day camp sessions and over 300 children served in 2017 through day camps and various events throughout the year.

Ten law enforcement agencies participated in the Cops for Camp Campaign which has successfully funded a scholarship for an incoming camper to attend one week at Camp Autumn. Agencies included: Osceola County Sheriff, Lake Park Police Department, Estherville Police Department, Armstrong Police Department, Sioux County Sheriff, Rock Valley Police Department, O'Brien County Sheriff, Sheldon Police Department, Clay County Sheriff, and Spencer Police Department.

"It takes all people in a community to prevent child abuse, but only few are called to respond when a child is hurt," said Kim Scorza, President/CEO of Seasons Center. "We value our partnership with law enforcement, those on the front lines, in helping to keep children safe."

The winning agency, Rock Valley Police Department, raised \$330 and were awarded the traveling Cops for Camp "canoe paddle" trophy for their efforts.

“We are so proud to partner with our law enforcement officers through the Cops for Camp campaign, to ensure kids have a fun and safe environment in the summer,” added Scorza.

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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