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Auction for Autumn Raises \$24,080 for Northwest Iowa Children

ORANGE CITY, IA – On Saturday, October 26, 2019, supporters of Seasons Center, Autumn's Center, and Camp Autumn came together to raise \$24,080 in Orange City, Iowa at a dessert auction to support northwest Iowa children. Proceeds from this annual fundraiser will benefit Camp Autumn, a therapeutic camp for children ages 4-21 located near Sutherland, Iowa. The funds will specifically be used to send children to Camp Autumn through camp scholarships. Camp Autumn, which opened in June 2017, provides a unique blend of therapy, skill development, and fun for those who have experienced trauma, abuse, loss, grief, parental substance abuse, divorce of parents, family violence, or those who have developmental conditions. Both Autumn's Center and Camp Autumn were named in honor and memory of Autumn Elgersma, of Orange City, Iowa who died on October 31, 2013, after being hospitalized due to the abuse she endured while in the care of her babysitter.

"We were very blessed to be able to come together again this year and celebrate Autumn's life and all the children we serve at our agency and specifically at Camp Autumn," said Kim Scorza, CEO/President of Seasons. "We couldn't provide as much as we do without the support of donors through events like this. We can't thank our supporters enough for all their support through the donation of their time, talent, and treasures."

Inside Prairie Winds Event Center in Orange City, tables of business owners, community supporters, and agency partners bid on locally-made desserts, with sales reaching as high as \$2,200 for a "Raspberry Almond Cake" made and donated by Scratch Cupcakery of West Des Moines, Iowa. The auction was led by auctioneer, Don Krommendyk, from Hull, Iowa.

This year's desserts were donated by: Susie Hofman of Orange City; the Sugar Shack Bakery of Sioux City; Sara Crane Cakes of Orange City; Renee Rhamy of Alton; Blue Mountain Catering Company of Orange City; the Olive Garden of Sioux City; Sarah Weber of Orange City; Scratch Cupcakery of West Des Moines; Frosted by Beth of Sanborn; Libby White dba South Side Treats of Spencer; and Pat Buyert of Sioux Center.

"We are grateful for our wonderful dessert makers for their contributions to our annual fundraiser," said Katie Ping, Marketing and Events Coordinator at Seasons. "Each year, we are amazed by the beautiful creations these talented individuals donate."

The event was supported by local businesses through sponsorships. Sponsors included: Dr. Carlos and Maria Castillo, Northwest Bank, Community State Bank in Spencer, DeJong Law, P.C., Iowa State Bank, Orange City Area Health System, and Spencer Hospital.

"We are grateful to our sponsors for partnering with us to help make this event a success," said Scorza. "Your support will help children by allowing them the chance to heal at Camp Autumn, which can be life-changing for kiddos."

Seasons is a non-profit organization and has been providing a broad range of psychiatric and behavioral health services to people and communities in Northwest Iowa since 1959. Seasons strives to provide exceptional care to children, families, and adults through skilled, dedicated, and passionate employees who use evidence-based treatment practices and innovative treatment techniques.

For more information on Seasons' services, please visit our website at: www.seasonscenter.org and Facebook page www.facebook.com/SeasonsCenterForBehavioralHealth

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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 or call 1-800-242-5101.

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