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Fourth Annual Winter Games Kid's Carnival a Success

MILFORD – Seasons Center for Behavioral Health and Autumn's Center hosted 1,286 children and their families on Saturday, January 30th at the fourth annual Winter Games Kid's Carnival at Boji Bay Fun House & Pavilion. Attendees chose from many activities, including: face painting, carnival games, bouncy house, photobooth, or even sliding down the Fun House slide. With funds awarded by the Dickinson County Endowment Fund, Seasons Center was able to update carnival games, cover carnival décor and rental items, and provide prizes, candy, and marketing materials about the agency to attendees.

"We are grateful for the Dickinson County Endowment Fund grant in supporting this event year after year," said Kim Scorza, Executive Director. "This event is a great way to connect to the Dickinson County community and its surrounding areas and promote a healthy, family-centered activity for all ages to enjoy during the Winter Games."

The agency received other community donations to ensure a fulfilled crowd, including clementines donated by Hy-Vee and Fareway grocery stores in Spirit Lake, popcorn donated by Jolly Time Popcorn in Sioux City, and a donation toward carnival supplies from Wal-Mart in Spencer.

"This carnival is a community effort and we're so thankful for our volunteers from the Spencer High School National Honors Society and from Okoboji High School," said Katie Ping, Marketing & Events Coordinator at Seasons Center.

Next year's carnival is scheduled for Saturday, January 28, 2017 at Boji Bay in Milford.

Autumn's Center, the first of its kind regional children's center, will house 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 will offer 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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