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Seasons Center Invites Public to Autumn's Center Grand Opening on Nov. 10

SPENCER, IA – Seasons Center for Behavioral Health and Autumn's Center invite you to the public grand opening on Thursday, November 10 from 4-7 PM at the new regional children's center located at 120 E. 5th Street in Spencer. The former furniture store has been completely renovated to serve the northwest Iowa community in providing specialty care for children ages 0-21. This event is open to the public and media for a first look at Autumn's Center.

"We are so very pleased and excited that the day has finally come to open our doors to children and their families," said Kim Scorza, CEO/President of Seasons Center. "We have been so appreciative of the many words of encouragement, prayers, and donations over the course of the last few years while we were planning and renovating."

Autumn's Center is a first of its kind regional children's center providing specialty care to northwest Iowa families with services spanning psychiatric services to outpatient therapy, substance abuse, psychological testing to parent education, to name a few services. Autumn's Center was designed by Cannon Moss Brygger Architects, Sioux City/Spencer and constructed by Hoogendoorn Construction, Canton, South Dakota, to provide a child friendly space that promotes healing.

Autumn's Center was named in honor and memory of three-year-old Autumn Elgersma, who died on October 31, 2013, two days after being hospitalized for injuries she received at daycare.

"We would like to express a sincere thank you to the Elgersma family for their partnership in making sure all children who enter these doors have a safe, secure and hope-filled environment so that they can recover from life's hurts," said Scorza.

Autumn's family has played an integral part in the development of Autumn's Center.

"After years of planning, we are so excited that Autumn's Center will soon open its doors to help children in our local communities," said Jennifer Elgersma, mother of Autumn. "Our family is thankful for all of those who have supported Autumn's Center by giving of their time and resources and we look forward to showing the public this state-of-the-art children's center at the grand opening."

Join Seasons Center for Behavioral Health and Autumn's Center on Thursday, November 10th from 4-7 PM. Beginning at 4 PM, we will be joined by Kim Scorza, CEO of Seasons Center and Jennifer Elgersma, mother of Autumn, to share some special words about Autumn's Center. Following will be a prayer by Pastor John Klompien of Orange City, IA and a ribbon cutting ceremony by the Spencer Chamber of Commerce. Facility tours and refreshment will follow.

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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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