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Seasons Center to Host 3rd Annual Rally to End Child Abuse

Orange City, IA. – Seasons Center for Behavioral Health is hosting the 3rd Annual END IT! for Autumn Rally in support of Child Abuse Prevention Month on April 7, 2017 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 Jennifer Elgersma, mother of Autumn Elgersma, who died from injuries sustained while in the care of her babysitter.

Phil and Jennifer 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 opportunity for us to thank those who are involved in the lives of children, to learn about advancements in the fight against child abuse, and to encourage our local communities to work together to end child abuse," said Jennifer Elgersma.

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 7, 2017 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.

Attendees are welcome to bring a free will donation to support Camp Autumn. At Camp Autumn, our mission is to weave together the therapeutic aspects of

nature, trauma-informed care, and evidence-based behavioral health programs and services to create a safe space that promotes health, healing, hope, and fun. Camp Autumn will open this summer in O'Brien County on a beautiful property near Sutherland, Iowa.

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 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 or call 1-800-242-5101.

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