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Anne Carlsen Achieves Prestigious CQL Accreditation, Solidifying Commitment to Excellence and Inclusion

Jamestown, N.D. – [April 15, 2025] — Anne Carlsen is proud to announce its official accreditation by the Council on Quality and Leadership (CQL), a national designation that honors organizations demonstrating excellence in person-centered services and supports for people with disabilities. This milestone reflects Anne Carlsen’s enduring commitment to nurturing abilities, changing lives, and creating a more inclusive world where independence is a gift to all.

The rigorous accreditation process, completed earlier this year, involved an intensive evaluation of systems, practices, and organizational culture. CQL accreditation is a prestigious honor in the human services field, reserved for organizations that consistently place the people they support at the center of every decision. It serves as both a validation and celebration of Anne Carlsen’s deeply-rooted values—compassion, teamwork, service above self, acceptance, life long learning, gratitude and holistic care.

“Earning CQL accreditation is an incredible testament to the daily dedication, integrity, and heart of our team,” said Stephanie Nelson, Chief Operating Officer of Anne Carlsen. “It affirms that the way we support people—through compassion, inclusion, and partnership—is not only effective, but exemplary. We are honored to receive this recognition and are energized to continue raising the bar for what’s possible.”

With a legacy inspired by visionary educator and leader Dr. Anne Carlsen, the organization has served North Dakota communities for more than 80 years through specialized programs that promote lifelong learning, inclusion, and independence. Anne Carlsen provides a full continuum of services—from early intervention to advanced treatment—for children and young adults with developmental disabilities or delays. Services are delivered statewide via in-home supports, regional outpatient centers, and residential care, including its flagship facility in Jamestown.

Rooted in the belief that every person has potential worth celebrating, Anne Carlsen offers life-changing services designed to meet each individual where they are. The organization’s holistic approach integrates evidence-based practices with innovative technology to empower people and their families—moving them from surviving to thriving.

Achieving CQL accreditation aligns powerfully with Anne Carlsen's mission: to make the world a more inclusive place where independence is a gift to all. For more information about Anne Carlsen's services and the impact of this accreditation, visit www.annecarlsen.org.

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