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**Anne Carlsen Raises \$484,632 on Giving Hearts Day 2026**

*580 donors rally behind the mission to make independence a gift to all*

Jamestown, ND, March 2, 2026 – Anne Carlsen is overflowing with gratitude after an extraordinary Giving Hearts Day this past February 12, 2026. Thanks to the generosity of the North Dakota communities, Anne Carlsen raised \$484,632 through 580 donations, with an average gift of \$407.

These numbers are more than statistics. They represent families who will receive early intervention services, young adults who will gain greater independence, and individuals who will have access to the therapies and support they need to thrive.

“We are in awe of the generosity shown by our community on Giving Hearts Day,” said Becky Scheerer, Chief Development Officer. “Every gift, no matter the size, means another individual has a team of supporters walking beside them. We are so incredibly grateful to everyone that contributed.”

Anne Carlsen serves individuals across 41 of North Dakota's 53 counties, providing services ranging from early intervention and K-12 education to behavioral health and residential care.

“Our community showed up for the individuals and families we serve in a profound way, and we do not take that trust lightly,” said Stephanie Nelson, CEO. “This generosity will make a lasting difference in children’s lives across North Dakota.”

Giving Hearts Day is made possible by a community that believes every individual deserves the chance to thrive. To learn more about Anne Carlsen, visit [annecarlsen.org](http://annecarlsen.org).

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**About Anne Carlsen** Anne Carlsen is a nonprofit organization serving individuals with developmental disabilities and complex needs across 41 of North Dakota's 53 counties. Founded in 1941, Anne Carlsen provides comprehensive services including early intervention, K-12 education, behavioral health, autism services, residential care, therapy services, and independent living programs.