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**Anne Carlsen Names Becky Scheerer as Chief Development Officer**

*A passionate advocate for the mission steps into expanded leadership*

Jamestown, ND, April xx, 2026 – Anne Carlsen is pleased to announce that Becky Scheerer has been named Chief Development Officer, stepping into the role after serving as Interim Chief Development Officer and Vice President of Development. In this position, Scheerer will lead all fundraising strategy, foundation operations, and donor relations for an organization that has walked beside individuals with developmental disabilities and their families across North Dakota for more than 85 years.

Scheerer brings nearly two decades of nonprofit fundraising experience and a genuine belief that philanthropy, when done right, changes lives. Her approach is rooted in relationships: learning what donors care about, connecting them to meaningful impact, and cultivating lasting partnerships that carry the mission forward. Throughout her career, she has built a reputation for donor-centered fundraising, expertise in planned and major giving, and a deep commitment to the communities she serves.

"Becky has been an incredible asset to Anne Carlsen, and we are thrilled to see her step fully into this leadership role," said Stephanie Nelson, CEO of Anne Carlsen. "Her genuine care for the people we serve, her relationships with donors across the region, and her vision for what our foundation can become make her exactly the right person to lead this work forward."

For Scheerer, the role is personal. "Anyone can make a difference in the lives of the individuals we serve," she said. "I'm passionate about helping donors understand how their generosity, whether that's a planned gift, a gift of farmland, or any other asset, connects directly to the people at Anne Carlsen and the life they deserve. Every gift matters."

Scheerer is focused on growing the Anne Carlsen Foundation's presence across the state and deepening its role as a leader in rural healthcare philanthropy. She holds a Bachelor of Science in Communications and Business from Concordia College and a Master of Arts in Philanthropy and Development from Saint Mary's University of Minnesota.

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**About Anne Carlsen** For more than 85 years, Anne Carlsen has provided specialized care and education for individuals with developmental disabilities and complex needs. Serving over 3,000 individuals annually across North Dakota, Anne Carlsen offers comprehensive services. The organization is dedicated to walking beside families and empowering individuals to reach their full potential. Learn more at <https://annecarlsen.org/>.