

## **For Immediate Release**

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### **One Vision Celebrates 50 years of service**

One Vision is celebrating their golden anniversary. Established in 1971, the organization has been providing disability services for 50 years. Families that were looking for meaningful lives for their children had conversations that led to the concept of our organization – then named Handicap Village – and the evolution to One Vision.

From the beginning, One Vision has been dedicated to celebrating the uniqueness of each person. The organization has grown into various services that include independent living, small group settings, supporting children with autism, and employment services. Jennifer Pinske, the chief development officer of One Vision, said that One Vision first began out of necessity due to a lack of such services in the area 50 years ago.

"It started as a grassroots non-profit organization founded by families and concerned citizens," Pinske said. "Before that they didn't have any of these services in the north central Iowa area."

Before One Vision began its work in North Iowa, there was no support system to help individuals with disabilities, with medical institutions offering the only solution in the area.

One Vision honors and respects everyone's individual hopes and dreams through a commitment to person-centered delivery of services. They also place an emphasis on community engagement of people receiving services such as actively participating in local markets, sharing the wealth of products from their gardens, or becoming part of a local fire house.

On June 4th, 2021, One Vision formally achieved Quality Assurances Accreditation. This noteworthy accomplishment entails a 3-year accreditation term where One Vision is provided with ongoing support, guidance, check-ins, and resources to assist the organization in continuing to strengthen its systems and practices to support people in achieving their goals and dreams, through individualized and responsive services.

In the last 10 years, One Vision has experienced tremendous growth. We have supported people to move into neighborhoods and become a part of the greater community. One Vision has expanded by recognizing the need for children's services and opening the Children's Autism Center. We have also grown to include a campus redevelopment for the active 55+ community in the north Iowa area. The Glen Oaks Community, along with our existing businesses, helps sustain our mission, vision, and values.

At One Vision's annual meeting this month, the organization will be celebrating 50 years of service to the North Iowa community with food, trivia and live music.

The event will take place on Tuesday, Oct. 19, at One Vision's main campus on 1200 North 9th Street West in Clear Lake. To attend, you must RSVP by Oct. 10 by calling 641-355-1261 or emailing [csegerstrom@onevision.org](mailto:csegerstrom@onevision.org). A virtual option is available upon request.

## **ABOUT ONE VISION**

One Vision is a human services organization that supports people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD). Incorporated in 1966, we first opened our doors in 1971. One Vision started out as a campus of 10 cottages in Clear Lake, Iowa, and was designed to provide supports for 160 people with disabilities. We now serve approximately 410 people across 30 communities in North Iowa.

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