These are great matches. Making a great match is something that resonates throughout the work we do here at CCRI. That match might come in the form of a fully-accessible house or vehicle, the right activities or community involvement, and, most importantly, the right caregiver. Without those “great matches”, it is difficult for the people we support to live life to the fullest.

Our “great match” is our new home. With the additional space, we now provide additional recreational and therapeutic classes. We also have room to grow to support even more individuals in our community that are looking for a “great match”.

You have the opportunity to be a “great match” with CCRI every day. Your financial support ensures that the people we support are able to dream and set goals so they can reach their potential.

The Otto Bremer Foundation is partnering with CCRI to help you make a “Perfect Match”. We were awarded a $150,000 matching grant, meaning every dollar you donate is doubled. We have until November 14 to raise the remaining $38,000 or we leave the money on the table. Help us spread the word about this wonderful opportunity to have each dollar matched. Donations can be sent to the Building a Better Future Fund at 2903 15th St. S., Moorhead, MN 56560 or made on-line at www.CreativeCare.org, but hurry, the clock is ticking.

Milk and Cookies. Hammer and Nails. Stars and Stripes. These truly are “great matches”.

Otto Bremer Foundation and You. That truly is a “Perfect Match”.

Milk and Cookies, Hammer and Nails, Stars and Stripes.
What if you could not scratch an itch, turn on a light, or wave hi to a friend? How would you feel if you needed to rely on someone to perform even the simplest of tasks for you?

For most of you it is almost impossible to imagine—but for me it is reality.

When I was 23 years old, I had an accident that caused a C4 spinal cord injury which resulted in me living as a quadriplegic. I utilize an electric wheelchair that I operate with my head. I can think and speak for myself but, beyond that, I need help with nearly everything.

After my accident I had many questions as I tried to sort out what my life would now look like. Where do I begin to look for help? Will I be able to live a normal life? Am I going to have to live in a nursing home? Is my life over? When you are 23 years old those are not the type of questions you want to be thinking about.

After my stint in the hospital and 10 months in a rehab center, I needed to find a place to live. There weren’t many options around my hometown and my parents couldn’t do all my cares, so we had to look further away. When I came across a place in Moorhead called Creative Care for Reaching Independence the name alone almost sold me…I mean that’s exactly what I was looking for.

After a quick conference call with CCRI’s Eric Hilber and a short discussion with my family I decided to make the move to Moorhead and I have to say it was one of the better decisions I have ever made.

I have been with CCRI for almost 8½ years now, and over the years I have discovered the answers to some of those tough questions that came up right after my accident.

First of all, my life is not over. CCRI fulfills all my cares and needs, I don’t reside in a nursing home—I live in a house in a nice neighborhood—and I am currently attending North Dakota State University and will graduate this December with a BS degree in Business Administration. I’m happy to say that starting in December I will begin the next phase of my life and rejoin the workforce.

CCRI makes all efforts to accommodate my schedule and other requests whether it be going out to eat, going to a sporting event, or planning a weekend trip back home. Without an agency like CCRI I really don’t know where I would be right now.

If you aren’t familiar with CCRI it may be because you haven’t needed them yet. I can tell you one thing...my current state wasn’t in my plans either. It’s great to know there are places like CCRI out there.
CCRI Opens the Doors of Its New Home

The Fargo Moorhead West Fargo Chamber of Commerce’s Public Relations Ambassadors celebrated with CCRI team members, clients and friends at the opening of our new location. The ribbon cutting ceremony was held on August 19.

CCRI Executive Director Shannon Bock addresses the crowd as Jill Christopher of the FMWF Chamber of Commerce looks on.

A legacy of leadership: CCRI Executive Directors (l-r): Shannon Bock, Rhonda King and Diane Wray-Williams.

Lane welcomed guests to the CCRI Open House.

Getting ready to cut the ribbon.

More than 200 people attended the festivities.
Thank you for supporting our 9th annual SuperHero 5K, SideKick Youth Run & Walk ‘n’ Roll-a-thon. You helped us raise more than $20,000, which turned into more than $40,000 thanks to the Otto Bremer Foundation! Thank you also to our volunteers who put in more than 100 total hours to make the Superhero 5K a success.

We couldn’t have done it without our super sponsors:

- JRK Trucking
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Camp H.E.R.O. 2014

Camp H.E.R.O. (Helping Everyone Remove Obstacles) is the premier vacation destination for many of the people we support. Its groomed nature trails, gardens, beautiful waterfront and accessible grounds allow people to enjoy nature independently.

Our exceptional caregivers are dedicated to providing a safe and enjoyable camp experience. Numerous camp activities are planned to meet everyone’s needs. Crafts, a dance, campfires and boat rides are a few favorites—and a trip to Itasca State Park is always a hit!

The limited personal budgets of the people we support require us to keep the fee for camp low. The cost of personalized staffing, nursing and transportation is expensive, but the smiles, stories and memories are priceless!

We rely on the generosity of our donors to make this amazing experience possible.

Thanks for helping us to keep the campfires burning in 2014. Over 60 campers were able to make lasting friendships and memories.
Memorials/Honorariums
received from January 1, 2014 to September 30, 2014

In Honor of
All Who are a Part of CCRI
Julie Possehl
In Honor of Bea Arett
Brian Arett
In Honor of Dan Brendemuhl
Michael & Trudy Wilmer
In Honor of all my
CCRI Team Members
Jonathan & Melissa Markegard
In Honor of all my
CCRI Team Members
Jocelyn Sloan
In Honor of Consumers at
Adult Life and Heartland
Anonymous
In Honor of Ryan Dorrheim
Rachel Asleson
In Honor of Pam Grugel
Susan & Ronald Ritter
In Honor of Shena Holtgrewe
Tom & Jayne Holtgrewe
Darin Perius
In Honor of Kirk Homes
Brenda Oistad
In Honor of Julie Kottsick
Anonymous
In Honor of Laura Johnson
Jerald & Therese Johnson
In Honor of Anders Jones
Kara Jones
In Honor of Kyle O’Dell
LuAnn Solberg
In Honor of Eric Offerdahl
Norma Maristuen
In Honor of Sister Andrea
Margaret Gaynor
In Memory of Greg Aukes
Mikkel & Barbara Pates
In Memory of Willie Bock
Linda & Shannon Gilbertson
Jody & Fred Hudson
Dean & Marilyn McMurray
In Memory of Frank Branch
Ron & Ann Branch
In Memory of Kyle Eken
Deb Eken
In Memory of Dorine Haarsager
Scott & Cindy Mason
In Honor of Breck Hanson
Stephanie Hanson
Shelly Mahowald
In Memory of John Hanson, Jr.
Glen & Renae Hanson
In Memory of Diane Hilde
and Bob Jenkins
Dorene Rurup
In Memory of Ethel Hoffman
Jennifer & Phil Behrens
In Memory of Dorothy Hougum
Floyd & Harriet Howland
In Memory of Bob Jenkins
Lynette Weber
In Memory of Rita Kochmann
Patricia Beiswenger
Paul & Judy Teiken
In Memory of
Dwight Lordemann
Janet Harles
In Memory of Doris Lundberg
Floyd & Harriet Howland
In Memory of Danny Offerdahl
Kathy Offerdahl
In Memory of
John & Doris Orcutt
Nancy Peigneux
In Memory of
Darwin “Ray” Peterson
Floyd & Harriet Howland
In Memory of Jackie Reinke
Jennifer & Phil Behrens
In Memory of Jessica Rick
Valerie & Charles Rick
In Memory of Jennifer Smith
Gary & Kathleen Ziegler
In Memory of Shirley Stensgard
Thorval Stensgard
In Memory of Julie Strelow
Shannon & John Bock
In Memory of John Twamley
Tom & Barb Twamley
In Memory of Steven Walker
Pat Bacon

Your Donation Does Wonders
Too often, people with disabilities are identified by what they
can’t do. When they have the opportunity to show the world
what they can do, the entire nature of their identity can change!
We are thankful to our donors for helping us to encourage the
people we serve to take a chance, to try something new and
to experience the unknown.
Because of your generosity they are able to contribute some-
thing special to our community, just like we all want to do.

Darcy takes the stage
for Guys ‘n’ Dolls Jr.
Ring in the New Year and Support CCRI

CCRI has been chosen to be the recipient of the West Fargo Shakers New Year’s Eve event. All proceeds raised will directly support CCRI. The West Fargo Shakers are a group of nine generous people that like to “shake” up New Year’s Eve by throwing one of the largest parties in the area. Established in 2007, the group has raised more than $36,000 for local charities.

**December 31, 7 P.M.–2 A.M.**
**Speedway Event Center—West Fargo, ND**

**Tickets:** $15 each, email wfshakers@gmail.com with how many you want. Tickets will be held until 9 P.M. the night of the event. Tickets will also be available at the door until sold out.

- 7–9 P.M.—Appetizers
- 7–10 P.M.—Bonus Raffle
- 7–10 P.M.—50/50 Raffle
- 9 P.M.–2 A.M.—Live Band: *Billy D & The Crystals*
- Midnight—Balloon drop sponsored by Bell State Bank & Trust

**Drink Specials:**
- $3.00 Pounders
- $2.50 Wells

Free champagne at midnight courtesy of the West Fargo Shakers!

The mission of CCRI is to enhance and enrich the lives and learning of people with disabilities.

The vision of CCRI is to provide an environment where people of all abilities may experience life’s possibilities.