



Opening doors. *Unlocking possibilities.*

We Are Better Together!

Over the past two years, Hammer & NER's paths have merged into a unified vision for the future as we continue to learn we are truly better (and stronger) together. We have joined forces to become one of the largest disability services providers in Minnesota today.

Hammer Residences and Northeast Residence have long individual histories to celebrate this year, with the impressive milestones of 100 years of service for Hammer and 50 years of service for NER. Both organizations started from a grassroots commitment to support people living with developmental and intellectual disabilities so they could live their lives to their fullest potential. Today, we remain dedicated to a common mission and shared values based upon these roots.

While the future of the combined organization remains bright, we know there will be challenges and new opportunities ahead in this journey. The industry, the legislation, the economy, the workforce we rely upon, the technology and processes we leverage, the average age and physical needs of the people we support, all these variables continue to evolve around us. We must remain focused and nimble to navigate these changes and uncertainties to deliver the best possible outcomes. Despite the challenges that have come our way, we are still standing today and will remain undeterred for the future, because that is simply who we are and what we do.

Blaine Stephens, Board President

Our deep commitment to our dedicated staff and the people we support will be our guiding light. We will persist in our goal to be an innovative service provider and never waver in our determination to do the right thing.

We truly hope you will be able to join us for some of our celebratory events this year and will follow our story by visiting Hammer.org/anniversary as we continue to evolve.

I am so proud of this organization and pleased to be onboard for this exciting journey. Please join us for the adventures that lie ahead, just around the corner. We look toward the future while honoring our remarkable history of service in the Twin Cities.

Here's to the next 100 years!

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