

July 15, 2009

Darlene Douglas, M.S., QP Executive Director Alleghany County Group Homes, Inc. Post Office Box 488 Sparta, NC 28675

Dear Ms. Douglas:

It is my pleasure to inform you that Alleghany County Group Homes, Inc., has been accredited by CARF for a period of three years for the following service:

Community Services: Community Integration

This accreditation will extend through June 2012. This achievement is an indication of your organization's dedication and commitment to improving the quality of the lives of the persons served. Services, personnel, and documentation clearly indicate an established pattern of practice excellence.

Your organization should take pride in achieving this high level of accreditation. CARF will recognize this accomplishment in its listing of organizations with accreditation, and we encourage you to make this accomplishment known throughout your community. Communication of this award to your referral and funding sources, the media, and local and federal government officials will promote and distinguish your organization. Enclosed are some materials that will help you publicize this achievement.

The survey report is intended to support a continuation of the quality improvement of your service. It contains comments on your organization's strengths as well as suggestions and recommendations. As a CARF Accreditation Condition, a quality improvement plan (QIP) demonstrating your efforts to implement the survey recommendations must be submitted in order to maintain accreditation. Although CARF policy requires submission of the QIP within 90 days, your organization may be subject to an earlier deadline to meet accreditation benchmarks set by North Carolina. It is strongly recommended that you verify your deadline for submission of the QIP with the state or your LME. Guidelines and the form for completing the QIP have been posted on Customer Connect, our secure, dedicated website for accredited organizations and organizations seeking accreditation. E-mail notification was previously sent to your organization letting you know that these documents have been posted. Please submit this report to the attention of the customer service unit Administrative Coordinator.

Your Certificate of Accreditation is being sent under separate cover. Please note that you may use the enclosed form to order additional copies of the certificate.