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Gateway Society - Services for Persons with Autism awarded three-year CARF accreditation

Delta, B.C. – June 10, 2008 – CARF International announced that Gateway Society - Services for Persons with Autism has been accredited for a period of three years for its Community Services: Child and Youth Services, Community Services: Community Housing, Community Services: Community Integration, and Community Services: Host Family Services programs. The latest accreditation is the second consecutive Three-Year Accreditation that the international accrediting body has awarded to Gateway Society.

This accreditation decision represents the highest level of accreditation that can be awarded to an organization and shows the organization's substantial conformance to the CARF standards. An organization receiving a Three-Year Accreditation has put itself through a rigorous peer review process and has demonstrated to a team of surveyors during an on-site visit that its programs and services are of the highest quality, measurable, and accountable.

Gateway Society Services for Persons with Autism is a non-profit organization with administration offices at 4807 Georgia Street in Ladner. The society provides services to both children and adults with autism and other pervasive developmental disorders, in the following communities:

- Provincial Treatment Centre in Ladner since 1978
- Family Care Homes throughout the Lower Mainland since 1980
- Staffed Homes in Delta since 1989, and North Delta since 2006
- Day Programs in Ladner since 1994, and North Delta since 2005
- Behavioural Support Services throughout the Lower Mainland since 1991, and throughout northern British Columbia from a main office located in Prince George.

CARF is an independent, non-profit accrediting body whose mission is to promote the quality, value, and optimal outcomes of services through a consultative accreditation process that centers on enhancing the lives of the persons served. Founded in 1966 as the Commission on Accreditation for Rehabilitative Facilities, and now known as CARF, the accrediting body establishes consumer-focused standards to help organizations measure and improve the quality of their programs and services.

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Our Mission
*To enable children and adults with Autism and other
Pervasive Development Disorders to reach their greatest potential*