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Gateway Society – Services for Persons with Autism awarded three-year CARF Accreditation.

Delta, BC – August 22, 2005 – CARF announced that Gateway Society – Services for Persons with Autism has been accredited for a period of three years for its Child and Youth, Community Housing, Community Integration, Host Family and Respite services. This is the first accreditation that the international accrediting commission has awarded to Gateway Society.

This accreditation outcome represents the highest level of accreditation that can be awarded to an organization and shows the organization's substantial conformance to the standards established by CARF. An organization receiving a Three-Year Accreditation outcome 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 is a non-profit organization with administration offices located at 4807 Georgia Street in Ladner. The society provides services to both children and adults with autism, in the following communities:

- Provincial Treatment Centre in Ladner since 1978
- Family Care Homes and Respite Services throughout the Lower Mainland since 1980
- Staffed Homes in Delta since 1989 and Burnaby since 1996
- Day Programs in Ladner since 1994, Burnaby since 1999 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, not-for-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 persons served. Founded in 1966 as the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation 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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