



HOLY ANGELS

*Unconditional Love. Unlimited Possibilities.*

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## **HOLY ANGELS RECEIVES 3 YEAR NATIONAL ACCREDITATION**

*“For decades, Holy Angels has represented a high standard of care and compassion to the rest of the greater community, reminding us too of the power of love in enabling lives of wholeness to be lived, despite the obstacles, “* wrote a member of the community. This week that reputation was confirmed with the announcement of Holy Angels’ national accreditation.

Regina Moody, President/CEO, announced this week that Holy Angels received accreditation by CARF International (Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitative Facilities) for a period of three years in Community Services: Community Housing for the Belhaven, Oakcrest, and Brookview ICF-MR group homes, the community group homes (South Point, Lakewood, Gary & Carrabaun); Community Services: Community Housing (Children and Adolescents) for the Morrow Center-Specialized Community Residential Center, Pinehaven and Moody Place ICF-MR group homes; Organizational Employment Services for Cherubs Café & Candy Bouquet, and Holy Angels, Inc. – Governance Standards applied. Holy Angels was also recognized with an Exemplary Conformance in its Child and Adolescent Services (the highest rating given by CARF). The international accrediting body has awarded the accreditation to Holy Angels for their first application.

The three-member survey team spent three days observing in the community group homes, Cherubs Café & Candy Bouquet, the Morrow Center and the five ICF (Intermediate Care Facilities) group homes and reviewed records, and policy and procedure manuals. They took time to interview board members, residents, staff and parents.

Survey team leader, Bruce Milburn, from Henderson, KY, complimented staff members by simply stating, *“You all are awesome!”* Holy Angels was commended for their collaborative community partnerships and the positive reputation in the community. He also commented, *“If I had a child who needed services, I would want them at Holy Angels.”*

President/CEO Regina Moody supported Milburn’s comments. *“Our staff are dedicated to providing unconditional love and recognize that our residents have unlimited possibilities. We are very fortunate to have such outstanding staff, volunteers and community support at Holy Angels.”* She further commented, *“It is truly affirming when professionals in the field of developmental disabilities, each having more than 30 years knowledge, sees and experiences the spirit and care of our staff for our residents and their families. I am privileged to lead this excellent team.”*



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Parents and friends of Holy Angels were quick to respond to the exciting news! One parent wrote, *“I am so proud that you are getting the recognition you deserve for providing an environment where our family members can live a purpose filled, meaningful life.”* Another family member commented, *“My brother is the happiest I’ve ever seen him. It is such a relief to know that when I leave him at Holy Angels after his visits, he will be safe, nurtured and loved, so much more than your usual institutional care.”* One mother wrote, *“I go to sleep every night knowing that my daughter is in some of the best hands that a skilled facility can offer.”*

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.

CARF is an independent, nonprofit 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 of Rehabilitation Facilities, and now known as CARF, the accrediting body establishes resident-focused standards to help organizations measure and improve the quality of their programs and services.

Holy Angels was founded in 1956 by the Sisters of Mercy. The private, nonprofit corporation located in Belmont, NC, provides residential services and innovative programs for children and adults with varying degrees of mental retardation and physical disabilities, some of whom are medically fragile. New programs and facilities have been developed as a direct response to the ever changing needs of Holy Angels residents, their families and the community. Currently, the focus for program expansion has been centered on the creative arts program to tap into the exceptional imagination of the residents. Programs include the Morrow Center, four Community Group Homes, five ICF/MR group homes (Intermediate Care Facilities for the Mentally Retarded), Little Angels Child Development Center, Great Adventures, Camp Hope and Cherubs Café & Candy Bouquets in downtown Belmont.

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