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FINANCIAL STATEMENT AUDIT REPORT OF STANLY COUNTY PARTNERSHIP FOR CHILDREN

ALBEMARLE, NORTH CAROLINA

FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2004

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AUDITOR'S TRANSMITTAL

The Honorable Michael F. Easley, Governor
The General Assembly of North Carolina
Board of Directors, Stanly County Partnership for Children

This report presents the results of our financial statement audit of the Stanly County Partnership for Children (Stanly Partnership) for the year ended June 30, 2004. Our audit was made by authority of Article 5A of Chapter 147 of the *North Carolina General Statutes*.

The accounts and operations of the Stanly Partnership were subject to audit procedures as we considered necessary for us to report on the accompanying financial statements and supplementary information. The audit procedures were conducted in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

The audit of the Stanly Partnership was made in conjunction with the Early Childhood Initiatives (Smart Start) program authorized by General Statutes 143B-168.10-.16. These statutes created The North Carolina Partnership for Children, Inc. and required the implementation of local demonstration projects (local partnerships). The Stanly Partnership is one of these local partnerships. As such, the Stanly Partnership is a private nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization and is required by General Statute 143B-168.14(b) to have a financial and compliance audit conducted by the Office of the State Auditor.

The purpose of this report is to present the results of our audit on the accompanying financial statements. A summary of our reporting objectives and audit results are:

1. Objective – To express an opinion on the accompanying financial statements.

Results – The accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the amounts and disclosures made in accordance with the modified cash basis of accounting, a comprehensive basis of accounting other than generally accepted accounting principles.

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2. **Objective** – To present significant deficiencies, if any, in internal control over financial reporting which could adversely affect the Stanly Partnership's ability to record, process, summarize, and report financial data in the financial statements and present instances of noncompliance, if any, with laws, regulations, contracts, or grants.

Results - Our tests disclosed no significant deficiencies in the internal control over financial reporting and no instances of noncompliance that require disclosure herein under *Government Auditing Standards*.

North Carolina General Statutes require the State Auditor to make audit reports available to the public. Copies of audit reports issued by the Office of the State Auditor may be obtained through one of the options listed in the back of this report.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Board of Directors
Stanly County Partnership for Children
Albemarle, North Carolina

We have audited the accompanying Statement of Receipts, Expenditures, and Net Assets – Modified Cash Basis of the Stanly County Partnership for Children (Stanly Partnership) as of June 30, 2004, and the related Statement of Functional Expenditures – Modified Cash Basis for the year then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Stanly Partnership's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatements. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

As described in Note 1, the accompanying financial statements were prepared on the modified cash basis of accounting, which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the net assets of the Stanly County Partnership for Children as of June 30, 2004, and the results of its operations arising from modified cash basis transactions for the year then ended, on the basis of accounting described in Note 1.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated November 19, 2004 on our consideration of the Stanly Partnership's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results

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of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and should be considered in assessing the results of our audit.

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Stanly County Partnership for Children's basic financial statements. The information in Schedules 1, 3, 4, and 5 is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. These Schedules have been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, are fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole. The information in Schedule 2 has not been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on Schedule 2.

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November 19, 2004

Stanly County Partnership for Children

Statement of Receipts, Expenditures, and Net Assets - Modified Cash Basis

For the Year Ended June 30, 2004

Exhibit A

	Unrestricted Funds		Temporarily Restricted Funds	Total Funds
	Smart Start Fund	Other Funds		
Receipts:				
State Awards (less refunds of \$12,868)	\$ 1,339,101	\$ 12,000	\$ 0	\$ 1,351,101
Federal Awards		5,399		5,399
Private Contributions			2,900	2,900
Special Fund Raising Events		1,513		1,513
Interest and Investment Earnings		888		888
Sales Tax Refunds		3,665		3,665
Other Receipts		12,078		12,078
Total Receipts	1,339,101	35,543	2,900	1,377,544
Expenditures:				
Programs:				
Child Care and Education Affordability	290,286			290,286
Child Care and Education Quality	352,813	10,634		363,447
Family Support	262,265	736		263,001
Health and Safety	169,185			169,185
Support:				
Management and General	152,247	10,507		162,754
Program Coordination	51,678			51,678
Program Evaluation	38,926	9,243		48,169
Other:				
Sales Tax Paid		2,341		2,341
Total Expenditures	1,317,400	33,461		1,350,861
Excess of Receipts Over Expenditures	21,701	2,082	2,900	26,683
Net Assets at Beginning of Year	12,868	19,391		32,259
Net Assets at End of Year	\$ 34,569	\$ 21,473	\$ 2,900	\$ 58,942
Net Assets Consisted of:				
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 29,142	\$ 21,473	\$ 2,900	\$ 53,515
Refunds Due From Contractors	5,427			5,427
	\$ 34,569	\$ 21,473	\$ 2,900	\$ 58,942

The accompanying notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

Stanly County Partnership for Children
Statement of Functional Expenditures - Modified Cash Basis
For the Year Ended June 30, 2004

Exhibit B

	Total	Personnel	Contracted Services	Supplies and Materials	Other Operating Expenditures	Fixed Charges and Other Expenditures	Property and Equipment Outlay	Services/Contracts/Grants	Participant Training Expenditures
Smart Start Fund:									
Programs:									
Child Care and Education Affordability	\$ 290,286	\$ 14,965	\$ 0	\$ 45	\$ 538	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 274,738	\$ 0
Child Care and Education Quality	352,813	192,007	5,498	4,767	34,967	45,251	14,967	55,356	
Family Support	262,265	25,632		183	321			236,129	
Health and Safety	169,185							169,185	
	<u>1,074,549</u>	<u>232,604</u>	<u>5,498</u>	<u>4,995</u>	<u>35,826</u>	<u>45,251</u>	<u>14,967</u>	<u>735,408</u>	<u>0</u>
Support:									
Management and General	152,247	116,190	5,192	1,727	12,398	13,699	3,041		
Program Coordination	51,678	39,879	707	198	5,984	2,624	2,047	239	
Program Evaluation	38,926		38,926						
	<u>242,851</u>	<u>156,069</u>	<u>44,825</u>	<u>1,925</u>	<u>18,382</u>	<u>16,323</u>	<u>5,088</u>	<u>239</u>	
Total Smart Start Fund Expenditures	\$ 1,317,400	\$ 388,673	\$ 50,323	\$ 6,920	\$ 54,208	\$ 61,574	\$ 20,055	\$ 735,647	\$ 0
Other Funds:									
Programs:									
Child Care and Education Quality	\$ 10,634	\$ 8,063	\$ 0	\$ 423	\$ 30	\$ 0	\$ 2,118	\$ 0	\$ 0
Family Support	736		174		62			500	
	<u>11,370</u>	<u>8,063</u>	<u>174</u>	<u>423</u>	<u>92</u>		<u>2,118</u>	<u>500</u>	
Support:									
Management and General	10,507	9,237	145	139	604		382		
Program Evaluation	9,243	9,243							
	<u>19,750</u>	<u>18,480</u>	<u>145</u>	<u>139</u>	<u>604</u>		<u>382</u>		
Other:									
Sales Tax Paid	2,341			2,341					
Total Other Funds Expenditures	\$ 33,461	\$ 26,543	\$ 319	\$ 2,903	\$ 696	\$ 0	\$ 2,500	\$ 500	\$ 0

The accompanying notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

STANLY COUNTY PARTNERSHIP FOR CHILDREN
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
JUNE 30, 2004

NOTE 1 - SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

- A. Organization and Purpose** - The Stanly County Partnership for Children (Stanly Partnership) is a legally separate nonprofit organization incorporated on November 23, 1993. The Stanly Partnership was established to develop and provide, through public and private means, early childhood education and developmental services for children and families. The Stanly Partnership is tax-exempt as an organization described in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.
- B. Basis of Presentation** – The accompanying financial statements present all funds for which the Stanly Partnership’s Board of Directors is responsible. Pursuant to the provisions of Statement of Financial Accounting Standards (SFAS) No. 117, *Financial Statements of Not-For-Profit Organizations*, the accompanying financial statements present information according to three classes of net assets: unrestricted net assets, temporarily restricted net assets, and permanently restricted net assets. As permitted by this Statement, temporarily restricted contributions received and expended in the same year are reported as unrestricted receipts rather than as temporarily restricted receipts.

Contributions that are temporarily restricted and not expended within the year received are reported as an increase in temporarily restricted net assets. When the restriction expires (that is, when a stipulated time restriction ends or purpose restriction is accomplished), temporarily restricted net assets are reclassified to unrestricted net assets and reported in the Statement of Receipts, Expenditures, and Net Assets as net assets released from restrictions.

The Stanly Partnership did not have any permanently restricted net assets at June 30, 2004.

- C. Basis of Accounting** - The accompanying financial statements were prepared on the modified cash basis of accounting. This basis differs from accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America primarily because it recognizes long lived assets and other costs which benefit more than one period as expended in the year purchased; it recognizes revenue when received rather than when earned; and it recognizes expenditures when paid rather than when incurred.

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However, unexpended advances to contractors that revert back to the State of North Carolina are recognized as a reduction to expenditures and an increase to net assets. In addition, amounts withheld from employee paychecks or other amounts received in an agency capacity are recorded as funds held for others.

- D. Cash and Cash Equivalents** – This classification appears on the Statement of Receipts, Expenditures, and Net Assets – Modified Cash Basis and includes all demand and savings accounts and certificate of deposits or short-term investments with an original maturity of three months or less.
- E. Refunds Due From Contractors** - Refunds due from contractors represent the unexpended amount of advances to contractors at year-end that are to be refunded back to the State. As recoveries are collected, the receivable balance is reduced. Payments to the State for the recovered advances are recorded as a reduction to the State awards balance.
- F. Property and Equipment** – Under the modified cash basis of accounting, purchases of property and equipment are reported as expenditures in the year occurred. However, Stanly Partnership is required by contract regulation to track and maintain property and equipment items as presented in Schedule 4 of this report. The Stanly Partnership has a policy to track purchases of property and equipment items with an individual cost of \$500 or more and an estimated useful life greater than one year. Such items are valued at their original purchase price, which may be different from their valuation as of June 30, 2004. Donated items are recorded at estimated fair market value at the date of donation.
- G. Compensated Absences** – As a result of the use of the modified cash basis of accounting, liabilities related to accrued compensated absences are not recorded in the financial statements. Expenditures related to compensated absences are recorded when paid. The amount of accrued compensated absences for accumulated, unpaid leave that would be due to employees upon termination is reported as a commitment in Note 9.
- H. Use of Estimates** - The preparation of financial statements in conformity with the other comprehensive basis of accounting used by the Stanly Partnership requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures (such as allocation of joint costs); accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates. It is management's belief that these estimates are reasonable and fair.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

NOTE 2 - DEPOSITS

All funds of the Stanly Partnership are deposited with a commercial bank and insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) up to \$100,000. Deposits over this amount subjects the Stanly Partnership to a concentration of credit risk.

NOTE 3 - FUNDING FROM GRANT AWARDS

Smart Start Program - The Stanly Partnership's major source of revenue and support is from the State of North Carolina based on cost-reimbursement contracts with The North Carolina Partnership for Children, Inc. (NCPC) for the Smart Start Program. A significant reduction in the level of funding from the State could have an adverse effect on the operations of the Stanly Partnership and represents a concentration of credit risk as to the generation of revenue.

Associated with these contracts, the Stanly Partnership is responsible for developing a comprehensive, collaborative, long-range plan of services to children and families for the service-delivery area. During the year, the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) entered into contracts with and made payments to service providers selected by the Stanly Partnership. These service provider contracts are not reflected on the accompanying financial statements. However, a summary of the service provider contracts entered into by DHHS is presented on Schedule 2 accompanying the financial statements.

The Stanly Partnership was awarded and has received \$1,351,969 under a current year Smart Start contract with NCPC. The unexpended balance of this contract is subject to reversion to the State. The Stanly Partnership has returned \$36,204 of this contract to the State based on financial status reports submitted to NCPC subsequent to June 30, 2004.

The Stanly Partnership expects to receive continued funding through new Smart Start contracts with the State.

NOTE 4 - RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Service Provider Contracts with Board Member Organizations - The board members of the Stanly Partnership are representative of various organizations that benefit from actions taken by the Board. It is the policy of the Stanly Partnership that board members not be involved with decisions regarding organizations they represent. During the year, the Stanly Partnership entered into contracts with board member organizations for program activities

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

as identified on Schedule 1 accompanying the financial statements. In addition, Schedule 2 identifies contracts entered into by DHHS with board member organizations for activities funded by the Stanly Partnership's Smart Start Allocation.

NOTE 5 - FUNCTIONAL EXPENDITURES

The costs of providing the various programs and activities have been summarized on a functional basis in the Statement of Receipts, Expenditures, and Net Assets – Modified Cash Basis. Also, the Statement of Functional Expenditures – Modified Cash Basis, provides detail of the functional costs by their natural classification. Following are the services associated with the functional categories presented in the accompanying financial statements and the methods utilized to allocate joint cost:

A. Program Functions

Child Care and Education Affordability - Used to account for service activities including public pre-K classes or supplements for quality outside DCD.

Child Care and Education Quality - Used to account for service activities including quality enhancement grants for upgrades, child care resource and referral, professional development, salary supplements, or learning materials and teaching aids.

Family Support - Used to account for service activities including family resource centers, general family support, or transportation services.

Health and Safety - Used to account for service activities including oral health services, child care health consultants, or developmental screenings.

B. Support Functions

Management and General - Expenditures that are not identifiable with a single program or fund-raising activity but are indispensable to the conduct of those activities and to an organization's existence, including expenditures for the overall direction of the organization, its general board activities, business management, general recordkeeping, budgeting, and related purposes.

Program Coordination - Expenditures that are incurred to coordinate the policies, procedures, and daily practices of service delivery. Also, costs associated with monitoring in-house and direct service provider activities.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

Program Evaluation - Expenditures that are incurred to monitor the performance of service providers as to the delivery of services and adherence to the specific terms and conditions of the contracts.

C. Allocation of Joint Costs

Expenditures benefiting more than one purpose were allocated as follows:

Salaries and Benefits – Direct allocation based on employee time reports.

Other Costs - Other costs including contracted services, occupancy cost (rent, utilities and maintenance), and communication costs (telephone and internet fees) were indirectly allocated based on utilization data.

<u>Expense Category</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Contracted Services	\$ 7,666
Other Operating Expenses	28,796
Fixed Charges and Other Expenses	<u>50,153</u>
Total Allocated Costs	<u>\$ 86,615</u>

NOTE 6 - OPERATING LEASE OBLIGATIONS

Future minimum lease payments under noncancelable operating leases consist of the following at June 30, 2004:

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Operating Leases</u>
2005	\$ 64,700
2006	64,701
2007	64,700
2008	<u>64,184</u>
Total Minimum Lease Payments	<u>\$ 258,285</u>

Rental expense for all operating leases during the year was \$54,299.

NOTE 7 - PENSION PLAN

Deferred Compensation and Supplemental Retirement Income Plans - IRC Section 401(k) Plan – The Stanly Partnership has an IRC Section 401(k) plan (Plan). The Stanly Partnership and the Plan participants share the costs of

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

administering the Plan. The administrative costs paid by the Stanly Partnership for the 2004 fiscal year was \$1,748. The participants pay administrative costs from their respective individual accounts. Employees may make voluntary contributions to the Plan. The Stanly Partnership makes a matching contribution equal to 50% of the first 6% of the employees' contributions. In addition, the Stanly Partnership makes an employer-based contribution of 1% of compensation that is shared by all eligible employees. This employer-based contribution occurs regardless to the amount of elective deferrals made by the employees. The Stanly Partnership contributed \$8,910, including both the employer-based and matched contributions, for the year ended June 30, 2004.

NOTE 8 - RISK MANAGEMENT

The Stanly Partnership is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts, theft of, damage to, or destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; employees' health and life; and natural disasters. The Stanly Partnership manages these various risks of loss as follows:

<u>Type of Loss</u>	<u>Method Managed</u>	<u>Risk of Loss Retained</u>
Torts, errors and omissions, health and life	Purchased commercial insurance	None
Workers Compensation – Employee injuries	Purchased commercial insurance	None
Physical property loss and natural disasters	Purchased commercial insurance	None

Management believes such coverage is sufficient to preclude any significant losses to the Stanly Partnership. Settled claims have not exceeded this insurance coverage in any of the past three fiscal years.

NOTE 9 - COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

Compensated Absences – As a result of the Stanly Partnership's use of the modified cash basis of accounting, accrued liabilities related to compensated absences (vacation only; sick leave does not vest) and any employer-related costs earned and unpaid, are not reflected in the financial statements. The compensated absences commitment for vacation leave at June 30, 2004, is \$13,221. No funds or reservation of net assets has been made for this commitment.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONCLUDED)

NOTE 10 - RESTRICTIONS ON NET ASSETS

Temporarily Restricted Net Assets - Temporarily restricted net assets at June 30, 2004 are available for the following purposes:

<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Parents as Teachers	<u>\$ 2,900</u>

Stanly County Partnership for Children
Schedule of Contract and Grant Expenditures - Modified Cash Basis
For the Year Ended June 30, 2004

Schedule 1

Organization Name	Smart Start Fund		Other Funds	
	Amount Advanced	Refund Due	Amount Advanced	Refund Due
ARC Services, Inc.	* \$ 43,344	\$ (1,262)	\$ 0	\$ 0
Kiddie Kare Day Care	8,915			
Little Friends	* 7,055			
Love-N-Care	12,707			
North Carolina Cooperative Extension of Stanly County	* 172,625	(4,032)		
Quality Child Care	33,032			
Richfield Child Development	14,798			
Safe Kids Coalition of Stanly County			500	
Stanly County Board of Education	* 160,000			
Stanly County Health Department	* 127,235	(133)		
Stanly County Transportation	239			
Susie's Friends Day Care	* 2,168			
Various Day Care Providers	36,062			
	618,180	(5,427)	500	
Individuals:				
Educational Service Incentives	55,356			
Infant Care Program	67,538			
	122,894			
	\$ 741,074	\$ (5,427)	\$ 500	\$ 0

* These organizations are represented on the Partnership's Board as described in Note 4 - Service Provider Contracts with Board Member Organizations.

***Stanly County Partnership for Children
Schedule of State Level Service Provider Contracts
For the Year Ended June 30, 2004***

Schedule 2

Organization Name	DHHS Contracts
Stanly County Department of Social Services	\$ 495,639

* This organization is represented on the Partnership's Board as described in Note 4 - Service Provider Contracts with Board Member Organizations.

The information on this schedule provides a listing of service provider contracts entered into by the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) as described in Note 3 - Funding from Grant Awards.

Stanly County Partnership for Children

Schedule of Federal and State Awards - Modified Cash Basis

For the Year Ended June 30, 2004

Schedule 3

Federal/State Grantor/Pass-through Grantor/Program	Federal CFDA Number	Contract #	Receipts	Expenditures
Federal Awards:				
US Department of Health and Human Services				
Pass-through from the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services - Division of Child Development				
Pass-through from Child Care Resources Incorporated (CCRI)				
Child Care and Development Fund	93.575	6222-02	\$ 5,399	\$ 9,625
State Awards:				
North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services				
Division of Child Development				
Pass-through from the North Carolina Partnership for Children, Inc.				
Early Childhood Initiatives Program (Prior Year)		N/A	(12,868)	
Early Childhood Initiatives Program (Current Year)	*	N/A	1,351,969	1,317,400
Multi-County Accounting and Contracting Grant		N/A	12,000	10,105
Total State Awards			1,351,101	1,327,505
Total Federal and State Awards			\$ 1,356,500	\$ 1,337,130
* Programs with compliance requirements that have a direct and material effect on the financial statements.				

Stanly County Partnership for Children

Schedule of Property and Equipment - Modified Cash Basis

For the Year Ended June 30, 2004

Schedule 4

	Furniture and Noncomputer Equipment	\$	84,592
	Computer Equipment/Printers		65,991
	Buildings		289,814
	Leasehold Improvements		300,621
	Motor Vehicles		15,959
	Total Property and Equipment	\$	<u>756,977</u>

Note: The information on this schedule provides a summary of property and equipment with acquisition or donated cost of \$500 or more which were held by the Partnership at year end. The valuations represent historical cost. On the modified basis of accounting, these items are expensed in the year of purchase.

**Stanly County Partnership for Children
 Schedule of Qualifying Match (Non-GAAP)
 For the Year Ended June 30, 2004**

Schedule 5

Match Provided at the Partnership Level:

Cash	\$ 6,683
In-Kind Goods and Services	9,047
	\$ 15,730

Match Provided at the Contractor Level:

Cash	\$ 124,667
In-Kind Goods and Services	99,648
	\$ 224,315

Note: This schedule is presented in accordance with the program match requirement as provided for by North Carolina Session Law 2003-284, Section 10.38(c). The North Carolina Partnership for Children, Inc. and all local partnerships are required to match the total amount budgeted for the Smart Start Program in each fiscal year. The match is comprised of both cash and in-kind amounts. Only in-kind contributions that are verifiable, quantifiable, and related to the Smart Start Program can be applied to the in-kind match requirement, including volunteer services. The law allows for volunteer services to be valued for match purposes, a concept that deviates from generally accepted accounting principles. This schedule identifies those amounts allowable for this partnership in meeting the statewide match requirement.



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**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT
ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING
AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT OF
THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH
GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS**

Board of Directors
Stanly County Partnership for Children
Albemarle, North Carolina

We have audited the financial statements of the Stanly County Partnership for Children (Stanly Partnership) as of and for the year ended June 30, 2004, and have issued our report thereon dated November 19, 2004. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered the Stanly Partnership's internal control over financial reporting in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purposes of expressing our opinion on the financial statements and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting. Our consideration of the internal control over financial reporting would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control over financial reporting that might be material weaknesses. A material weakness is a reportable condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the internal control components does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that misstatements caused by error or fraud in amounts that would be material in relation to the financial statements being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. We noted no matters involving the internal control over financial reporting and its operation that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, we noted a matter involving the internal control over financial reporting, which we have reported to management of the Stanly Partnership in a separate letter dated January 24, 2005.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Stanly Partnership's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements, noncompliance with

**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT
ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING
AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT OF
THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH
GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS (CONCLUDED)**

which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and, accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

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