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### FINANCIAL STATEMENT AUDIT REPORT OF

#### RICHMOND COUNTY PARTNERSHIP FOR CHILDREN

ROCKINGHAM, NORTH CAROLINA

FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2005

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#### **AUDITOR'S TRANSMITTAL**

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

This report presents the results of our financial statement audit of the Richmond County Partnership for Children (Richmond Partnership) for the year ended June 30, 2005. Our audit was made by authority of Article 5A of Chapter 147 of the *North Carolina General Statutes*.

The accounts and operations of the Richmond 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 Richmond 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 Richmond Partnership is one of these local partnerships. As such, the Richmond 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.

#### **AUDITOR'S TRANSMITTAL (CONCLUDED)**

- 2. Objective To present significant deficiencies, if any, in internal control over financial reporting which could adversely affect the Richmond Partnership's ability to record, process, summarize, and report financial data in the financial statements and present instances of noncompliance or other matters, if any, with laws, regulations, contracts, or grant agreements.
  - **Results** Our tests disclosed no significant deficiencies in the internal control over financial reporting and no instances of noncompliance or other matters that require disclosure herein under *Government Auditing Standards*.

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Leslie W. Merritt, Jr., CPA, CFP

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#### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Board of Directors Richmond County Partnership for Children Rockingham, North Carolina

We have audited the accompanying Statement of Receipts, Expenditures, and Net Assets – Modified Cash Basis of the Richmond County Partnership for Children (Richmond Partnership) as of June 30, 2005, and the related Statement of Functional Expenditures – Modified Cash Basis for the year then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Richmond 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 Richmond County Partnership for Children as of June 30, 2005, 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 May 16, 2006, on our consideration of the Richmond 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

#### **INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONCLUDED)**

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 Richmond County Partnership for Children basic financial statements. The information in Schedules 1 through 5 is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. Schedules 1, 3, 4 and 5 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.

Leslie W. Merritt, Jr., CPA, CFP

Leslie W. Merritt, Jr.

State Auditor

May 16, 2006

#### Richmond County Partnership for Children Statement of Receipts, Expenditures, and Net Assets - Modified Cash Basis For the Year Ended June 30, 2005

Exhibit A

	Unrestricted Funds Temporarii			emporarily	,			
		Smart Start		Other		estricted		Total
Receipts:		Fund		Funds		Funds		Funds
State Awards (less refunds of \$22,229) Federal Awards	\$	795,674	\$	12,000 6,278	\$	0	\$	807,674 6,278
Private Contributions				28,957		8,401		37,358
Interest and Investment Earnings				75		2, 121		75
Sales Tax Refunds				2,358				2,358
Other Receipts				2,083				2,083
Total Receipts		795,674		51,751		8,401		855,826
Net Assets Released from Restrictions:								
Satisfaction of Program Restrictions	-			2,749		(2,749)		
		795,674		54,500		5,652		855,826
Expenditures:								
Programs:								
Child Care and Education Affordability		105,110		05.010				105,110
Child Care and Education Quality Family Support		320,860 79,282		35,010 5,332				355,870 84,614
Health and Safety		79,282 148,897		330				149,227
Support:		140,037		330				143,221
Management and General		112,092		12,325				124,417
Program Evaluation		51,200		5				51,205
Other:								
Sales Tax Paid	-			2,525				2,525
Total Expenditures		817,441		55,527				872,968
Excess of Receipts Over Expenditures		(21,767)		(1,027)		5,652		(17,142)
Net Assets at Beginning of Year		21,767		3,749		2,749		28,265
Net Assets at End of Year	\$	0	\$	2,722	\$	8,401	\$	11,123
Net Assets Consisted of:								
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$	16,387	\$	2,722	\$	8,401	\$	27,510
Refunds Due From Contractors		40						40
		16,427		2,722		8,401		27,550
Less: Due to the State		16,427			-			16,427
	\$	0	\$	2,722	\$	8,401	\$	11,123

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

#### Richmond County Partnership For Children Statement of Functional Expenditures - Modified Cash Basis For the Year Ended June 30, 2005

Exhibit B

	Total	Personnel	Contracted Services	Supplies and Materials	Other Operating xpenditures	ı	Fixed Charges and Other Expenditures		Property and Equipment Outlay	Services/ Contracts/ Grants	articipant Fraining penditures
Smart Start Fund:											
Programs:											
Child Care and Education Affordability	\$ 105,110	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$	0	\$	0	\$ 105,110	\$ 0
Child Care and Education Quality	320,860	127,577		5,761	23,830		10,258		459	152,975	
Family Support	79,282									79,282	
Health and Safety	 148,897	 	 	 	 					 148,897	 
	 654,149	 127,577	 	 5,761	 23,830		10,258		459	 486,264	 
Support:											
Management and General	112,092	78,836	3,891	5,445	16,816		6,546		558		
Program Evaluation	 51,200	 43,405	 	 287	 6,422		1,003		83	 	 
	163,292	 122,241	 3,891	 5,732	 23,238		7,549	_	641	 	
Total Smart Start Fund Expenditures	\$ 817,441	\$ 249,818	\$ 3,891	\$ 11,493	\$ 47,068	\$	17,807	\$	1,100	\$ 486,264	\$ 0
Other Funds: Programs: Child Care and Education Quality Family Support Health and Safety	\$ 35,010 5,332 330	\$ 9,416	\$ 0	\$ 9,430 5,332	\$ 1,179	\$	72	\$	0	\$ 14,913 330	\$ 0
	40,672	9,416		14,762	1,179		72			15,243	
Support:  Management and General  Program Evaluation	12,325 5	25 5	12,000	53	141		70			36	
	12,330	30	12,000	53	141		70			36	
Other: Sales Tax Paid	2,525			2,525							
Total Other Funds Expenditures	\$ 55,527	\$ 9,446	\$ 12,000	\$ 17,340	\$ 1,320	\$	142	\$	0	\$ 15,279	\$ 0

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

## RICHMOND COUNTY PARTNERSHIP FOR CHILDREN NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS JUNE 30, 2005

#### NOTE 1 - SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

- A. Organization and Purpose The Richmond County Partnership for Children (Richmond Partnership) is a legally separate nonprofit organization incorporated on December 13, 1996. The Richmond Partnership was established to develop and provide, through public and private means, early childhood education and developmental services for children and families. The Richmond 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 Richmond's 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. 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 Richmond Partnership did not have any permanently restricted net assets at June 30, 2005.

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.

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. Amounts withheld from employee paychecks or other amounts received in an agency capacity are recorded as funds held for others. In addition, Smart Start funds advanced to the local Partnership that are unexpended and unearned at year-end are recorded as a Due to the State.

- **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. Due to the State** The funding provided by the State of North Carolina for the Smart Start program is funded on a cost reimbursement basis. The money is earned to the extent of allowable costs incurred. Any unexpended funds as of June 30 are required to be reverted to The North Carolina Partnership for Children, Inc. to be returned to the State of North Carolina.
- **G. Property and Equipment** Under the modified cash basis of accounting, purchases of property and equipment are reported as expenditures in the year occurred. However, Richmond Partnership is required by contract regulation to track and maintain property and equipment items as presented in Schedule 4 of this report. The Richmond 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, 2005. Donated items are recorded at estimated fair market value at the date of donation.
- **H.** 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.

I. Use of Estimates - The preparation of financial statements in conformity with the modified cash basis of accounting used by the Richmond 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.

#### NOTE 3 - FUNDING FROM GRANT AWARDS

**Smart Start Program** - The Richmond 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 Richmond Partnership and represents a concentration of credit risk as to the generation of revenue.

Associated with these contracts, the Richmond 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 Richmond 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 Richmond Partnership was awarded and has received \$834,330 under a current year Smart Start contract with NCPC. The unexpended balance of this contract is subject to reversion to the State. The Richmond Partnership has returned \$16,371 of this contract and \$56 for the prior year contract to the State based on financial status reports submitted to NCPC subsequent to June 30, 2005. The Richmond 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 Richmond Partnership are representative of various organizations that benefit from actions taken by the Board. It is the policy of the Richmond Partnership that board members not be involved with decisions regarding organizations they represent. During the year, the Richmond Partnership entered into contracts with board member organizations for program activities 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 Richmond 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 associated with Head Start wraparound/extended day.

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

**Family Support** - Used to account for service activities including ongoing parenting education, literacy projects, or community outreach information and resources.

**Health and Safety** - Used to account for service activities including child care health consultants or home visiting.

#### **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 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.

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

#### 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 occupancy cost (mortgage payment, utilities and maintenance), supplies and materials, and communication costs (internet and postage) were allocated based on utilization data.

#### NOTE 6 - OPERATING LEASE OBLIGATIONS

Future minimum lease payments under noncancelable operating leases consist of the following at June 30, 2005:

Fiscal Year	Operating Leases					
2006 2007 2008	\$	2,997 2,997 2,498				
Total Minimum Lease Payments	\$	8,492				

Rental expense for all operating leases during the year was \$3,656.

#### NOTE 7 - PENSION PLAN

IRC Section 403(b) Plan - All permanent employees who are at least half time can participate in a tax sheltered annuity plan (Plan) created under Internal Revenue Code Section 403(b). The Plan is a defined contribution plan in which each employee of the Richmond Partnership, as a condition of employment, is provided an individual annuity through an outside insurance company. The Richmond Partnership contributed three percent of gross wages for the year ended June 30, 2005. The employee's eligible contributions, made through salary reduction agreements, are exempt from federal and State income taxes until the annuity is received or the contributions are withdrawn. These Plans are exclusively for employees of universities and certain charitable and other nonprofit organizations. All costs of administering and funding these Plans are the responsibility of the Plan participants. The Richmond Partnership contributed \$6,086 for retirement benefits during the year.

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

#### NOTE 8 - RISK MANAGEMENT

The Richmond 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 Richmond Partnership manages these various risks of loss as follows:

Type of Loss	Method Managed	Risk of Loss Retained
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 Richmond Partnership. Settled claims have not exceeded this insurance coverage in any of the past three fiscal years.

#### NOTE 9 - COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

- A. Compensated Absences As a result of the Richmond 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, 2005 is \$6,104. No funds or reservation of net assets has been made for this commitment.
- **B.** Loan Commitment The Richmond Partnership has a note with a balance of \$42,736 at June 30, 2005, that is secured by Richmond Partnership assets (building and land) and payable to BB&T in monthly installments of \$500. This amount includes principal and interest computed at a variable rate of the bank's prime plus 1.5% per annum with the option to adjust annually. The Partnership paid a 7.5% simple interest rate during 2005. The three year agreement ends June 11, 2006, and the Partnership plans to refinance the remaining loan balance when due. Subsequent to year-end, the bank has confirmed that balance to be \$41,261, including principal and interest.

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONCLUDED)

#### NOTE 10 - RESTRICTIONS ON NET ASSETS

**A. Temporarily Restricted Net Assets** - Temporarily restricted net assets at June 30, 2005 are available for the following purposes:

Purpose	 Amount
Dolly Parton Imagination Library Striving for Excellence in Child Care Project	\$ 4,857 3,544
	\$ 8,401

**B.** Net Assets Released From Donor Restrictions - Net assets were released from donor restrictions during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2005, by incurring expenditures satisfying the restricted purposes as follows:

Purpose	 Amount
Dolly Parton Imagination Library Striving for Excellence in Child Care Project	\$ 30 2,719
	\$ 2,749

#### Richmond County Partnership For Children Schedule of Contract and Grant Expenditures - Modified Cash Basis For the Year Ended June 30, 2005

Schedule 1

		Smart	Start Fu	nd		Othe	r Funds	
Organization Name				mount Ivanced		fund ue		
Child Care Star Enhancement Richmond County Health Department Richmond County Schools Sandhills Children's Center-Comprehensive Health Services UCCA, Inc. Various Child Care Providers	* * * *	53,950 64,030 184,433 84,866 34,800	\$	(40)	\$	15,279	\$	0
Individuals: Salary Supplements Stipends	  \$	61,475 2,750 64,225 486,304	\$	(40)	\$	15,279	\$	0

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

#### Richmond County Partnership for Children Schedule of State Level Service Provider Contracts For the Year Ended June 30, 2005

Schedule 2

Organization Name		(	DHHS Contracts
Richmond County Department of Social Services	*	\$	358,678

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.

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

#### Richmond County Partnership for Children Schedule of Federal and State Awards - Modified Cash Basis For the Year Ended June 30, 2005

Schedule 3

Federal/State Grantor/Pass-through Grantor/Program	Federal CFDA Number	Contract #	Receipts	Expenditures
Federal Awards: US Department of Health & Human Resource Pass-through from the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services - Division of Child Development Child Care Connections, Inc of Moore County Richmond County Partnership for Children	93.575	006-03-77-001	\$ 6,278	\$ 6,278
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) Early Childhood Initiatives Program (Current Year) Multi-County Accounting and Contracting Grant	,	N/A * N/A N/A	(22,229) 817,903 12,000	817,441 12,000
Total State Awards			807,674	829,441
Total Federal and State Awards			\$ 813,952	\$ 835,719

<sup>\*</sup> Programs with compliance requirements that have a direct and material effect on the financial statements.

#### Richmond County Partnership For Children Schedule of Property and Equipment - Modified Cash Basis For the Year Ended June 30, 2005

Schedule 4

Furniture and Noncomputer Equipment Computer Equipment/Printers Buildings Land Leasehold Improvements	\$ 17,442 20,502 43,500 11,500 24,833
Total Property and Equipment	\$ 117,777

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.

37,358

200,858

4,190

\$

Match P	rovided	at the	Partnersi	nip Level:

In-Kind Goods and Services

Cash

	\$	41,548
Match Provided at the Contractor Level:		
Cash In-Kind Goods and Services	\$	72,363 128,495
	_	

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 Richmond County Partnership for Children Rockingham, North Carolina

We have audited the financial statements of the Richmond County Partnership for Children (Richmond Partnership) as of and for the year ended June 30, 2005, and have issued our report thereon dated May 16, 2006. 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 Richmond 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.

#### Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Richmond 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 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

## 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)

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*.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the audit committee, management of the Richmond Partnership, The North Carolina Partnership for Children, Inc., the Governor, and the General Assembly and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Leslie W. Merritt, Jr., CPA, CFP

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State Auditor

May 16, 2006

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