### FINANCIAL STATEMENT AUDIT REPORT OF ALLEGHANY PARTNERSHIP FOR CHILDREN, INC.

SPARTA, NORTH CAROLINA

FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2008

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### **AUDITOR'S TRANSMITTAL**

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

This report presents the results of the financial statement audit of Alleghany Partnership for Children, Inc. for the year ended June 30, 2008. Tichenor & Associates, LLP performed the audit under contract with the Office of the State Auditor, and their report is submitted herewith.

You will note from the independent auditor's report that the auditor determined that the financial statements are presented fairly in all material aspects. The results of their tests disclosed no deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that were considered to be material weaknesses in relation to their audit scope or any instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under Government Auditing Standards.

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

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### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Board of Directors Alleghany Partnership for Children, Inc. Sparta, North Carolina

We have audited the accompanying Statement of Receipts, Expenditures, and Net Assets – Modified Cash Basis of the Alleghany Partnership for Children, Inc. (Alleghany Partnership) as of June 30, 2008, and the related Statement of Functional Expenditures – Modified Cash Basis for the year then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Alleghany 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 Alleghany Partnership for Children, Inc. as of June 30, 2008, and its receipts and expenditures 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 6, 2008, on our consideration of the Alleghany 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 Alleghany Partnership for Children, Inc.'s 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.

Tichenor & Associates, LLP

Tichenor & Associates, LLP

November 6, 2008

### Alleghany Partnership for Children, Inc. Statement of Receipts, Expenditures, and Net Assets - Modified Cash Basis For the Year Ended June 30, 2008

Exhibit A

		Unrestric	ted Fu	ınds	Τe	emporarily	
	S	Smart Start Fund		Other Funds		Restricted Funds	Total Funds
Receipts: State Awards Federal Awards Private Contributions Special Fund Raising Events Interest and Investment Earnings Sales Tax Refunds Other Receipts	\$	204,463	\$	89,121 169,458 5,812 4,344 406 2,054 23,017	\$	2,353 3,152	\$ 293,584 169,458 8,165 7,496 406 2,054 23,017
Total Receipts		204,463		294,212		5,505	 504,180
Net Assets Released from Restrictions: Satisfaction of Program Restrictions				11,317		(11,317)	 
		204,463		305,529		(5,812)	 504,180
Expenditures: Programs: Child Care and Education Affordability Child Care and Education Quality Domestic Violence Family Support Support: Management and General Program Coordination Other: Sales Tax Paid		75,921 36,280 21,977 63,803 6,482		22,864 4,929 141,808 105,155 14,870 1,517			98,785 41,209 141,808 127,132 78,673 6,482 1,517
Total Expenditures		204,463		291,143			 495,606
Excess of Receipts Over Expenditures Net Assets at Beginning of Year		0		14,386 (12,295)		(5,812) 12,975	8,574 680
Net Assets at End of Year	\$	0	\$	2,091	\$	7,163	\$ 9,254
Net Assets Consisted of: Cash and Cash Equivalents Less: Funds Held for Others	\$	0	\$	2,659 568	\$	7,163	\$ 9,822 568
	\$	0	\$	2,091	\$	7,163	\$ 9,254

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

### Alleghany Partnership for Children, Inc. Statement of Functional Expenditures - Modified Cash Basis For the Year Ended June 30, 2008

Exhibit B

		Total		Personnel		Contracted Services		Supplies and Materials		Other Operating Expenditures		Fixed Charges and Other Expenditures		Property and Equipment Outlay		Services/ Contracts/ Grants
Smart Start Fund:												<u> </u>		<u> </u>		
Programs:																
Child Care and Education Affordability	\$	75,921	\$	38,000	\$	495	\$	2,759	\$	4,361	\$	266	\$	40	\$	30,000
Child Care and Education Quality		36,280		31,856				1,072		2,576		776				
Family Support		21,977		17,955				1,391		2,591	_			40		
		134,178		87,811		495		5,222		9,528		1,042		80		30,000
Support:		,		07,011			_	0,222		0,020	_	.,0.2				00,000
Management and General		63,803		51,200		1,294		622		5,635		5,013		39		
Program Coordination		6,482		6,033				76		373						
		70,285		57,233		1,294		698		6,008		5,013		39		
Total Smart Start Fund Expenditures	\$	204,463	s	145,044	\$	1,789	\$	5,920	\$	15,536	\$	6,055	\$	119	\$	30,000
Total Smart Start I und Expenditures	ф	204,403	φ	143,044	φ	1,703	ф	3,320	φ	13,330	φ	0,033	φ	119	φ	30,000
Other Funds: Programs:																
Child Care and Education Affordability	\$	22,864	\$	20,881	\$	0	\$	1,245	\$	738	\$	0	\$	0	\$	0
Child Care and Education Quality		4,929		1,993				494		1,450		992				
Domestic Violence		141,808		87,636		996		4,563		21,421		7,413		967		18,812
Family Support		105,155		74,447		80	_	7,601		11,791	_	10,075		517		644
		274,756		184,957		1,076		13,903		35,400		18,480		1,484		19,456
Support:  Management and General		14,870		462		10,615		66		1,380		2,198				149
· ·		14,070		402		10,013		00		1,360	_	2,190				149
Other:																
Sales Tax Paid		1,517						1,517			_					
Total Other Funds Expenditures	\$	291,143	\$	185,419	\$	11,691	\$	15,486	\$	36,780	\$	20,678	\$	1,484	\$	19,605

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

### ALLEGHANY PARTNERSHIP FOR CHILDREN, INC. NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS JUNE 30, 2008

### NOTE 1 - SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

- A. Organization and Purpose The Alleghany Partnership for Children, Inc. (Alleghany Partnership) is a legally separate nonprofit organization incorporated on December 12, 1994. The Alleghany Partnership was established to develop and provide, through public and private means, early childhood education and developmental services for children and families. The Alleghany 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 Alleghany 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 Alleghany Partnership did not have any permanently restricted net assets at June 30, 2008.

**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 certificates of deposit or short-term investments with an original maturity of three months or less.
- **E. Funds Held For Others** Funds held for others includes amounts received that are fiduciary in nature in which the Alleghany Partnership acts in an agency capacity. At year end, the Alleghany Partnership was holding \$448 for Local Interagency Coordinating Council and \$120 for Volunteer Alleghany, service providers that are too small to maintain their own checking accounts.
- **F. Property and Equipment** Under the modified cash basis of accounting, purchases of property and equipment are reported as expenditures in the year purchased. However, Alleghany Partnership is required by contract regulation to track and maintain property and equipment items as presented in Schedule 4 of this report. The Alleghany 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, 2008. 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 modified cash basis of accounting used by the Alleghany 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 2 - DEPOSITS

All funds of the Alleghany 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 Alleghany Partnership to a concentration of credit risk.

### NOTE 3 - FUNDING FROM GRANT AWARDS

Smart Start Program – The Alleghany 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 Alleghany Partnership and represents a concentration of credit risk as to the generation of revenue.

Associated with these contracts, the Alleghany 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 Alleghany 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 Alleghany Partnership was awarded and has received and spent \$204,463 under a current year Smart Start contract with NCPC.

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

**Family Resource Center Program** – The Alleghany Partnership's also received revenue and support from the State of North Carolina based on a cost-reimbursement contract with DHHS for the Family Resource Center (FRC) Program.

The Alleghany Partnership was awarded \$100,000 under a current year FRC contract with DHHS and has received \$80,966 of this amount. The Alleghany Partnership expects to receive continued funding through new FRC Program contracts with the State.

**Domestic Violence Program** – The Alleghany Partnership also received revenue and support from the State of North Carolina based on a contract with

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

North Carolina Department of Crime Control and Public Safety for a Domestic Violence Program. The Alleghany Partnership was awarded and received \$49,338 through a current year contract with the North Carolina Department of Crime Control and Public Safety.

The Alleghany Partnership expects to receive continued funding through new Domestic Violence Program contracts with the State.

Governor's Crime Commission – The Alleghany Partnership also receives funding on a cost-reimbursement contract with Governor's Crime Commission for the Domestic Abuse is Not Acceptable (DANA) program, a domestic violence program.

The Alleghany Partnership was awarded \$45,000 through a current year contract with the Governor's Crime Commission and has received \$40,324 of this amount. The Alleghany Partnership expects to receive continued funding through new Governor's Crime Commission contracts with the State.

### NOTE 4 - RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Service Provider Contracts with Board Member Organizations – The board members of the Alleghany Partnership are representative of various organizations that benefit from actions taken by the Board. It is the policy of the Alleghany Partnership that board members not be involved with decisions regarding organizations they represent. During the year, the Alleghany 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 Alleghany 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 pre-K/Preschool classes and part-day care programs.

**Child Care and Education Quality** – Used to account for service activities associated with child care resource and referral.

**Domestic Violence** – Used to account for activities associated with providing assistance services for victims and survivors of domestic violence.

**Family Support** – Used to account for service activities including family resource centers, ongoing parenting education, and community outreach information and resources.

### **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.

### 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 (rent, utilities and maintenance), supplies and materials, and communication costs (telephone and printing) were allocated based on utilization data.

### NOTE 6 - OPERATING LEASE OBLIGATIONS

Rental expense for all operating leases during the year was \$16,201.

### 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 Alleghany Partnership, as a condition of employment, is provided an individual annuity through an outside insurance company. The Alleghany Partnership contributed a dollar for dollar match up to a maximum of 6% of gross wages for the year ended June 30, 2008. 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 Alleghany Partnership contributed \$7,319 for retirement benefits during the year.

### NOTE 8 - RISK MANAGEMENT

The Alleghany 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 Alleghany 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 Alleghany 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 Alleghany 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

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONCLUDED)

June 30, 2008, is \$10,314. No funds or reservation of net assets has been made for this commitment.

### NOTE 10 - RESTRICTIONS ON NET ASSETS

**A. Temporarily Restricted Net Assets** - Temporarily restricted net assets at June 30, 2008, are available for the following purposes:

Purpose	 mount		
BREMCO – Car Seats	\$ 1,000		
Domestic Violence	2,301		
Domestic Violence – Childcare	298		
Education Station	3,238		
Family Resource Center	 326		
	\$ 7,163		

**B.** Net Assets Released From Donor Restrictions - Net assets were released from donor restrictions during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2008, by incurring expenditures satisfying the restricted purposes as follows:

Purpose	 Amount
Alleghany Cares	\$ 54
Domestic Violence	9,750
Education Station	1,470
Family Resource Center	 43
	\$ 11,317

### Alleghany Partnership for Children, Inc. Schedule of Contract and Grant Expenditures - Modified Cash Basis For the Year Ended June 30, 2008

Schedule 1

		Smart Start Fund						Other Funds				
Organization Name		Amount Advanced		Refund Due		Amount Advanced		F	Refund Due			
Paid to Organizations: Alleghany Board of Education	* \$	\$	30,000	\$	0	\$	0	\$	0			
Paid to Individuals:  Domestic Violence Non-Cash Grants Family Resource Center Non-Cash Grants Various Individuals	_						18,813 645 147					
	<u>\$</u>	\$	30,000	\$	0	\$	19,605	\$	0			

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

### Alleghany Partnership for Children, Inc. Schedule of State Level Service Provider Contracts For the Year Ended June 30, 2008

Schedule 2

Organization Name	 DHHS Contracts
* Alleghany County Department of Social Services	\$ 32,000
Child Care Services Association - WAGE\$ Program	 18,750
	\$ 50,750

<sup>\*</sup> These organizations are 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.

### Alleghany Partnership for Children, Inc. Schedule of Federal and State Awards - Modified Cash Basis For the Year Ended June 30, 2008

Schedule 3

	Federal			
Federal/State Grantor/Pass-through Grantor/Program	CFDA Number	Contract #	Receipts	Expenditures
Federal Awards:				
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Pass-through from the North Carolina Department of				
Health and Human Services - Division of Social Services				
Promoting Safe and Stable Families (Prior Year)	93.556	01099-07	\$ 28,106	\$ 0
Promoting Safe and Stable Families (Current Year)	93.556	* 01099-08	80,966	99,024
Pass-through from Alleghany County Department of Social Services Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	93.558	N/A	5,280	4,680
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Pass-through from the North Carolina Department of				
Health and Human Services - Division of Child Development				
Child Care and Development Block Grant (Prior Year)	93.575	13-07-01	2,882	
Child Care and Development Block Grant (Current Year)	93.575	13-01-08	4,928	4,928
U.S. Department of Justice Office of Juvenile Justice and				
Delinquency Prevention				
Pass-through from the North Carolina Department of Crime Control and Public Safety Governor's Crime Commission				
Division				
Crime Victim Assistance (Prior Year)	16.575	003-1-05-A13-AV-031	6,972	
Crime Victim Assistance (Current Year)	16.575 *	003-1-07-A13-AV-098	40,324	44,518
Total Federal Awards			169,458	153,150
State Awards: North Carolina Department of Administration				
Pass-through from the North Carolina Council for Women/				
Domestic Violence Commission				
Marriage License Fees	N/A	N/A	8,873	11,913
North Carolina Department of Crime Control and Public				
Safety Governor's Crime Commission Division				
Domestic Violence Grant (Prior Year)  Domestic Violence Grant (Current Year)	N/A N/A	N/A * N/A	(1,102) 49,338	49.338
Sexual Assault Grant	N/A N/A	N/A N/A	20,347	20,347
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	N/A	* N/A	204,463	204,463
Multi-County Accounting and Contracting Grant	N/A	N/A	11,665	11,665
Total State Asserts			202 504	207 720
Total State Awards			293,584	297,726
Total Federal and State Awards			\$ 463,042	\$ 450,876

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

### Alleghany Partnership for Children, Inc. Schedule of Property and Equipment - Modified Cash Basis For the Year Ended June 30, 2008

Schedule 4

Furniture and Noncomputer Equipment Computer Equipment/Printers Leasehold Improvements Motor Vehicles	\$ 20,314 36,256 70,814 14,803
Total Property and Equipment	\$ 142,187

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.

Match Provided at the Partnership Level:		
Cash In-Kind Goods and Services	\$	33,588 18,789
	\$	52,377
Match Provided at the Contractor Level:		
Cash	_\$	5,203

Note: This schedule is presented in accordance with the program match requirement as provided for by North Carolina Session Law 2007-323, Section 10.19(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 Alleghany Partnership for Children, Inc. Sparta, North Carolina

We have audited the financial statements of the Alleghany Partnership for Children, Inc. (Alleghany Partnership) as of and for the year ended June 30, 2008, and have issued our report thereon dated November 6, 2008. 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.

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.

### Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered the Alleghany Partnership's internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Alleghany Partnership's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Alleghany Partnership's internal control over financial reporting.

A control deficiency exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent or detect misstatements on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a control deficiency, or combination of control deficiencies, that adversely affects the Alleghany Partnership's ability to initiate, authorize, record, process, or report financial data reliably in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles such that there is more than a remote likelihood that a misstatement of the Alleghany Partnership's financial statements that is more than inconsequential will not be prevented or detected by the Alleghany Partnership's internal control.

## 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)

A material weakness is a significant deficiency, or combination of significant deficiencies, that results in more than a remote likelihood that a material misstatement of the financial statements will not be prevented or detected by the Alleghany Partnership's internal control.

Our consideration of internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and would not necessarily identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be significant deficiencies or material weaknesses. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that we consider to be material weaknesses, as defined above.

### **Compliance and Other Matters**

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Alleghany 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 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 Alleghany Partnership's Board of Directors, management of the Alleghany Partnership, others within the Partnership, The North Carolina Partnership for Children, Inc., the Governor, and the General Assembly of North Carolina and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

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