CABARRUS COUNTY PARTNERSHIP FOR CHILDREN CONCORD, NORTH CAROLINA

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT AUDIT REPORT OF

CABARRUS COUNTY PARTNERSHIP FOR CHILDREN

CONCORD, 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, Cabarrus County Partnership for Children

This report presents the results of the financial statement audit of the Cabarrus County Partnership for Children for the year ended June 30, 2008. Clifton Gunderson 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 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 Cabarrus County Partnership for Children Concord, North Carolina

We have audited the accompanying Statement of Receipts, Expenditures, and Net Assets – Modified Cash Basis of the Cabarrus County Partnership for Children (Cabarrus County Partnership) as of and for the year ended 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 Cabarrus County 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 Cabarrus County Partnership for Children 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 30, 2008 on our consideration of the Cabarrus County 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 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.



INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONCLUDED)

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Cabarrus County Partnership'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.

Raleigh, North Carolina

Clifton Gunderson LLP

Cabarrus County Partnership for Children Statement of Receipts, Expenditures, and Net Assets - Modified Cash Basis For the Year Ended June 30, 2008 Exhibit A

		Unrestricted Funds		Te	emporarily		
	s	Smart Start		Other		estricted	Total
		Fund		Funds	Funds		Funds
Receipts:		_					_
State Awards	\$	2,158,705	\$	1,890,408	\$	-	\$ 4,049,113
Private Contributions		-		39,030		4,240	43,270
Interest and Investment Earnings		-		1,056		-	1,056
Sales Tax Refunds		-		6,658		<u>-</u>	 6,658
Total Receipts		2,158,705		1,937,152		4,240	4,100,097
Net Assets Released from Restrictions:							
Satisfaction of Program Restrictions		-		68,816		(68,816)	 -
		2,158,705		2,005,968		(64,576)	4,100,097
Expenditures:							
Programs:							
Child Care and Education Quality		474,954		2,393		-	477,347
Family Support		315,965		38,024		-	353,989
Health and Safety		693,101		40,320		-	733,421
More at Four		327,271		1,841,789		-	2,169,060
Support:							
Management and General		233,552		12,473		-	246,025
Program Coordination and Evaluation		113,862		757		-	114,619
Other:				0.700			0.700
Sales Tax Paid		-		8,799			8,799
Total Expenditures		2,158,705		1,944,555		-	 4,103,260
Excess of Receipts Over Expenditures		-		61,413		(64,576)	(3,163)
Net Assets at Beginning of Year		-		110,273		68,816	 179,089
Net Assets at End of Year	\$	-	\$	171,686	\$	4,240	\$ 175,926
Net Assets Consisted of:							
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$	1,244	\$	171,686	\$	4,240	\$ 177,170
Refunds Due From Contractors		4,339		-		-	4,339
		5,583		171,686		4,240	181,509
Less: Due to the State		5,583		-		<u>-</u>	 5,583
TOTAL NET ASSETS	\$	-	\$	171,686	\$	4,240	\$ 175,926

Cabarrus County Partnership for Children 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:								
Programs:								
Child Care and Education Quality	\$ 474,954	\$ 42,803	\$ 11,432	\$ 435	\$ 2,186	\$ 4,753	\$ 749	\$ 412,596
Family Support	315,965	67,022	27,527	15,627	31,589	3,556	-	170,644
Health and Safety	693,101	-	-	-	-	-	-	693,101
More at Four	327,271	10,670	1,815					314,786
	1,811,291	120,495	40,774	16,062	33,775	8,309	749	1,591,127
Support:								
Management and General	233,552	151,661	10,254	9,823	25,337	34,012	2,465	-
Program Coordination and Evaluation	113,862	72,939	36,865	268	1,116	1,782	892	
	347,414	224,600	47,119	10,091	26,453	35,794	3,357	-
Total Smart Start Fund Expenditures	\$ 2,158,705	\$ 345,095	\$ 87,893	\$ 26,153	\$ 60,228	\$ 44,103	\$ 4,106	\$ 1,591,127
Other Funds:								
Programs:								
Child Care and Education Quality	\$ 2,393	\$ -	\$ 181	\$ 15	\$ 381	\$ 115	\$ -	\$ 1,701
Family Support	38,024	<u>-</u>	4,484	9,168	16,476	7,896	<u>-</u>	,
Health and Safety	40,320	_	320		-	-	_	40,000
More at Four	1,841,789	107,298	47,775		4,645	1,995	217	1,668,026
molo de l'odi	1,922,526	107,298	52,760	21,016	21,502	10,006	217	1,709,727
Support:	-,-=,-=	,				,		1,100,101
Management and General	12,473	3,665	8,000	-	758	50	_	-
Program Coordination	757	643	114	-	-	-	_	_
	13,230	4,308	8,114	-	758	50	-	
Other:	. : , = 00	.,000	<u> </u>					
Sales Tax Paid	8,799	_		8,799	<u> </u>		<u>-</u>	
Total Other Funds Expenditures	\$ 1,944,555	\$ 111,606	\$ 60,874	\$ 29,815	\$ 22,260	\$ 10,056	\$ 217	\$ 1,709,727

NOTE 1 - SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

- A. Organization and Purpose The Cabarrus County Partnership for Children (Cabarrus County Partnership) is a legally separate nonprofit organization incorporated on June 18, 1998. The Cabarrus County Partnership was established to develop and provide, through public and private means, early childhood education and developmental services for children and families. The Cabarrus County 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 Cabarrus County 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 Cabarrus County 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 does not recognize the value of in-kind goods and services received; 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.

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NOTE 1 - SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

- 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. 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 purchased. However, the Cabarrus County Partnership is required by contract regulation to track and maintain property and equipment items as presented in Schedule 4 of this report. The Cabarrus County 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.
- 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 8.
- I. Use of Estimates The preparation of financial statements in conformity with the modified cash basis of accounting used by the Cabarrus County 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.

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NOTE 2 - DEPOSITS

All funds of the Cabarrus County Partnership are deposited with commercial banks and insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) up to \$100,000 per bank. Deposits over this amount subject the Cabarrus County Partnership to a concentration of credit risk. At June 30, 2008, the Cabarrus County Partnership's bank deposits in excess of the FDIC insured limit was \$117,884.

NOTE 3 - FUNDING FROM GRANT AWARDS

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

Associated with these contracts, the Cabarrus County 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 Cabarrus County 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 Cabarrus County Partnership was awarded and has received \$2,164,288 under a current year Smart Start contract with NCPC. The unexpended balance of this contract is subject to reversion to the State. The Cabarrus County Partnership has returned \$5,583 of this contract to the State based on financial status reports submitted to NCPC subsequent to June 30, 2008.

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

More-at-Four – The Cabarrus County Partnership also received revenue and support from the State of North Carolina for the More-at-Four Program. The Cabarrus County Partnership was awarded and received \$1,878,743 under a current year contract.

The Cabarrus County Partnership expects to receive continued funding through new More-at-Four contracts with the State.

NOTE 4 - RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

- A. Service Provider Contracts with Board Member Organizations The board members of the Cabarrus County Partnership are representative of various organizations that benefit from actions taken by the Board. It is the policy of the Cabarrus County Partnership that board members not be involved with decisions regarding organizations they represent. During the year, the Cabarrus County 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 Cabarrus County Partnership's Smart Start Allocation.
- **B. Other Related Parties** The Cabarrus County Partnership has a leased staffing agreement with Carolina Medical Center Northeast (CMC). Under the terms of the agreement, the staff of the Cabarrus County Partnership are employed by CMC and are entitled to receive CMC medical and retirement benefits. The Cabarrus County Partnership reimburses the CMC each month for the amount of base salary of each staff member plus 24% for benefits and 7% for processing fees. In addition, a representative of CMC also serves on the Board of the Cabarrus County Partnership. Total amounts paid to CMC for the year ended June 30, 2008 were \$482,483.

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 Quality – Used to account for service activities including quality enhancement upgrades, child care resource and referral, professional development, professional development supplements, and learning materials and teaching aids.

Family Support – Used to account for service activities including mobile family resource center, general family support, and community outreach information and resources.

Health and Safety – Used to account for service activities including oral health services, child care health consultants, special needs early intervention services and special education, and home visiting.

NOTE 5 - FUNCTIONAL EXPENDITURES (CONTINUED)

A. Program Functions (continued)

More-at-Four – Used to account for development and implementation of More-at-Four Pre-Kindergarten Program for at-risk four-year-olds who are at risk of failure in kindergarten. The goal is to provide quality pre-kindergarten services in order to enhance kindergarten readiness.

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 and Evaluation – Expenditures that are incurred to coordinate the policies, procedures, and daily practices of service delivery. Also, costs associated with monitoring the performance of in-house and direct 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 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

Operating Lease Obligations – Future minimum lease payments under noncancelable operating leases consist of the following at June 30, 2008:

<u>Fiscal Years</u>	perating Leases
2009	\$ 82,243
2010	29,614
2011	3,299
2012	3,299
2013	 1,100
Total Minimum Lease Payments	\$ 119,555

NOTE 6 - OPERATING LEASE OBLIGATIONS (CONTINUED)

The Cabarrus County Partnership also subleases a portion of its operating facility to separate, non-related organizations. The sublease agreements were for 12 months ending June 30, 2008. Sublease rents received have been netted with rental expense. Net rental expense during the year was \$42,130.

NOTE 7 - RISK MANAGEMENT

The Cabarrus County 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 Cabarrus County 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 Cabarrus County Partnership. Settled claims have not exceeded this insurance coverage in any of the past three fiscal years.

NOTE 8 - COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

Compensated Absences – As a result of the Cabarrus County 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, 2008, is \$10,487. No funds or reservation of net assets has been made for this commitment.

NOTE 9 - RESTRICTIONS ON NET ASSETS

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

Purpose Purpose	<u>A</u>	Amount		
Public Education and Awareness Inclusion Services – Off to a Good Start	\$	240 4,000		
Total	<u>\$</u>	4,240		

NOTE 9 - RESTRICTIONS ON NET ASSETS (CONTINUED)

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		Mount
Public Education and Awareness More-At-Four Materials Child Safety Campaign Fatherhood Support Group Intensive Home Visiting	\$	1,500 20,270 5,446 1,600 40,000
Total	<u>\$</u>	<u>68,816</u>

Cabarrus County Partnership for Children Schedule of Contract and Grant Expenditures - Modified Cash Basis For the Year Ended June 30, 2008

Schedule 1

Organization Name		Smart Start Fund					Other Funds			
			Amount Advanced		Refund Due		Amount Advanced		lefund Due	
Paid to Organizations:										
Adolescent Family Enrichment Council		\$	131,040	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	
Cabarrus Health Alliance	*		578,006		3,673		40,000		-	
Cabarrus County Schools	*		86,292		-		493,209		-	
Child Care Resources, Inc.	*		313,784		666		-		-	
Elite Child Development Center			32,844		-		172,788		-	
Kanapolis City Schools	*		94,542		-		332,830		-	
Kids Korner			16,284		-		85,668		-	
LaPetite Academy			7,820		-		43,015		-	
Logan Community Child Development Center			49,404		-		259,908		-	
More at Four Materials			-		-		134,308		-	
Piedmont Primary Academy			27,600		-		145,200		-	
Thompson Child & Family Focus			118,768		-				-	
			1,456,384		4,339		1,706,926		-	
Paid to Individuals:										
Stipends			-		-		1,100		-	
Professional Development Incentives			139,082				1,701		-	
			139,082				2,801			
		\$	1,595,466	\$	4,339	\$	1,709,727	\$		

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

Cabarrus County Partnership for Children Schedule of State Level Service Provider Contracts For the Year Ended June 30, 2008

Schedule 2

Organization Name	DHHS Contracts	3
* Cabarrus County Department of Social Services	<u></u> \$ 841,7	<u>15</u>

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.

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

Cabarrus County Partnership for Children Schedule of State Awards - Modified Cash Basis For the Year Ended June 30, 2008

Schedule 3

State Grantor/Pass-through Grantor/Program	Contract #	Receipts	Ex	penditures	
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 *	*	N/A	\$ 2,158,705	\$	2,158,705
Multi-County Accounting and Contracting Grant		N/A	11,665		11,665
North Carolina Department of Public Instruction, Office of					
School Readiness					
More at Four Pre-Kindergarten Program (prior year)	*	0013-07	-		112,231
More at Four Pre-Kindergarten Program (current year)	*	0013-08	1,878,743		1,707,287
Total State Awards			\$ 4,049,113	\$	3,989,888

^{*} Programs with compliance requirements that have a direct and material effect on the financial statements.

Cabarrus County Partnership for Children Schedule of Property and Equipment - Modified Cash Basis For the Year Ended June 30, 2008

Schedule 4

Furniture and Noncomputer Equipment Computer Equipment/Printers	\$ 26,950 24,505
Total Property and Equipment	\$ 51,455

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.

watch Provided at the Partnership Level:	

Match Provided at the Partnership Level:		
Cash In-Kind Goods and Services	\$	26,715 16,034
	<u>\$</u>	42,749
Match Provided at the Contractor Level:		
Cash In-Kind Goods and Services	\$	151,225 186,244
	\$	337,469

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.



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 Cabarrus County Partnership for Children Concord, North Carolina

We have audited the financial statements of the Cabarrus County Partnership for Children (Cabarrus County Partnership) as of and for the year ended June 30, 2008, and have issued our report thereon dated November 30, 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 Cabarrus County 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 Cabarrus County Partnership's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Cabarrus County 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 Cabarrus County 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 Cabarrus County Partnership's financial statements that is more than inconsequential will not be prevented or detected by the Cabarrus County 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 Cabarrus County 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 Cabarrus County 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*.

We noted certain matters that we reported to management of the Cabarrus Partnership in a separate letter dated November 30, 2008.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the Cabarrus County's Board of Directors, management of the Cabarrus County 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.

Raleigh, North Carolina

Clifton Genderson LLP

November 30, 2008

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