CRAVEN SMART START, INC. New Bern, North Carolina

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS June 30, 2008

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT AUDIT REPORT OF

CRAVEN SMART START, INC.

NEW BERN, NORTH CAROLINA

FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2008

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AUDITOR'S TRANSMITTAL

The Honorable Beverly E. Perdue, Governor The General Assembly of North Carolina Board of Directors, Craven Smart Start, Inc.

This report presents the results of the financial statement audit of Craven Smart Start, Inc. 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 respects. 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 Craven Smart Start, Inc. New Bern, North Carolina

We have audited the accompanying Statement of Receipts, Expenditures, and Net Assets – Modified Cash Basis of Craven Smart Start, Inc. (Craven 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 Craven 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 Craven Smart Start, 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.



INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONCLUDED)

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated January 31, 2009 on our consideration of the Craven 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.

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Craven Smart Start, 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.

Clifton Genderson LLP

Raleigh, North Carolina January 31, 2009

Craven Smart Start, Inc. Statement of Receipts, Expenditures, and Net Assets – Modified Cash Basis For the Year Ended June 30, 2008 Exhibit A

		Unrestricted Funds						
	s	mart Start		Other	 Temporarily			Total
		Fund		Funds Restric		stricted		Funds
Receipts:								
State Awards	\$	1,091,805	\$	27,688	\$	-	\$	1,119,493
Federal Awards		-		272,629		-		272,629
Private Contributions		-		9,303		8,674		17,977
Special Fund Raising Events		-		1,178		-		1,178
Sales Tax Refunds		-		5,307		-		5,307
Other Receipts		-		11,813		-		11,813
Total Receipts		1,091,805		327,918		8,674		1,428,397
Net Assets Released from Restrictions		-		8,012		(8,012)		-
		1,091,805		335,930		662		1,428,397
Expenditures:								
Programs:								
Child Care and Education Accessibility and Availability		47,737		-		-		47,737
Child Care and Education Affordability		59,999		-		-		59,999
Child Care and Education Quality		264,149		200,001		-		464,150
Family Support		299,440		875		-		300,315
Health and Safety		115,056		95,675		-		210,731
More at Four		116,240		-		-		116,240
Support:								
Management and General		140,167		12,850		-		153,017
Program Coordination and Evaluation		49,017		-		-		49,017
Other:								
Refund of Prior Year Grant		-		6,205		-		6,205
Sales Tax Paid		-		3,339				3,339
Total Expenditures		1,091,805		318,945				1,410,750
Excess of Receipts Over Expenditures		-		16,985		662		17,647
Net Assets at Beginning of Year		-		22,124		9,335		31,459
Net Assets at End of Year	\$		\$	39,109	\$	9,997	\$	49,106
Net Assets Consisted of:								
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$	15,319	\$	39,950	\$	9,997	\$	65,266
Refunds Due From Contractors		543		-				543
		15,862		39,950		9,997		65,809
Less: Due to the State		15,862		_		_		15,862
Funds Held for Others		-,		841		-		841
		15,862		841		-		16,703
TOTAL NET ASSETS	\$	-	\$	39,109	\$	9,997	\$	49,106
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Craven Smart Start, Inc. Statement of Functional Expenditures – Modified Cash Basis For the Year Ended June 30, 2008

Exhibit B

	Total	Per	sonnel		ontracted ervices		Supplies and Materials		Other Operating penditures	а	Fixed Charges nd Other penditures	Eq.	perty and uipment Outlay	Co	ervices/ ontracts/ Grants
Smart Start Fund:															
Programs:															
Child Care and Education Accessibility and Availability	\$ 47,737	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	47,737
Child Care and Education Affordability	59,999		-		-		-		-		-		-		59,999
Child Care and Education Quality	264,149		157,212		2,057		21,124		32,414		17,492		150		33,700
Family Support	299,440		-		83,500		-		-		-		-		215,940
Health and Safety	115,056		76,857		-		2,292		6,161		42		-		29,704
More at Four	116,240		2,700		-		-		-		-		-		113,540
	902,621		236,769		85,557		23,416		38,575		17,534		150		500,620
Support:															·
Management and General	140,167		114,623		1,703		2,990		11,519		9,112		220		-
Program Coordination and Evaluation	49,017		42,983		741		791		2,926		1,001		575		-
	189,184		157,606		2,444		3,781		14,445		10,113		795		-
Total Smart Start Fund Expenditures	\$ 1,091,805	\$	394,375	\$	88,001	\$	27,197	\$	53,020	\$	27,647	\$	945	\$	500,620
Other Funds:															
Programs:															
Child Care and Education Quality	\$ 200,001	\$	157,331	\$		\$	6,721	\$	32,611	\$	3,338	\$		\$	
Family Support	\$ 200,001 875	Ф	137,331	Φ	-	Φ	0,721	Φ	875	Φ	3,336	Ф	-	Φ	-
Health and Safety			- 85,733		-		-		7,889		-		1,040		-
Health and Salety	95,675 296,551		243,064				988 7,709		41,375		3,338				25 25
Commando	290,551		243,064				7,709		41,375		3,338		1,040		25
Support:	40.050		4 470		F 470		04		0.404		00		000		
Management and General	12,850		4,479		5,473		31		2,494		83		290		-
Other:															
Refund of Prior Year Grant	6,205		-		-		-		-		-		-		6,205
Sales Tax Paid	3,339						3,339								-
	9,544		-		-		3,339		-		-		-		6,205
Total Other Funds Expenditures	\$ 318,945	\$	247,543	\$	5,473	\$	11,079	\$	43,869	\$	3,421	\$	1,330	\$	6,230

NOTE 1 - SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

- A. Organization and Purpose Craven Smart Start, Inc. (Craven Partnership) is a legally separate nonprofit organization incorporated on August 6, 1998. The Craven Partnership was established to develop and provide, through public and private means, early childhood education and developmental services for children and families. The Craven 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 Craven 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 Craven 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.

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 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.** Funds Held for Others Funds held for others includes amounts received that are fiduciary in nature in which the Craven Partnership acts in an agency capacity. At June 30, 2008, the Craven Partnership was holding amounts withheld from employee paychecks for distribution to certain benefit accounts such as insurances and United Way donations.
- H. Property and Equipment Under the modified cash basis of accounting, purchases of property and equipment are reported as expenditures in the year purchased. However, Craven Partnership is required by contract regulation to track and maintain property and equipment items as presented in Schedule 4 of this report. The Craven 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.
- I. 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.
- J. Use of Estimates The preparation of financial statements in conformity with the modified cash basis of accounting used by the Craven 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 Craven 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 Craven Partnership to a concentration of credit risk. At June 30, 2008, the Craven Partnership's bank deposits in excess of the FDIC insured limit was \$22,863.

NOTE 3 - FUNDING FROM GRANT AWARDS

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

Associated with these contracts, Craven 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, NCPC and the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) entered into contracts with and made payments to service providers selected by Craven 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.

Craven Partnership was awarded and has received \$1,107,667 under a current year Smart Start contract with NCPC. The unexpended balance of this contract is subject to reversion to the State. Craven Partnership has returned \$15,862 of this contract to the State based on financial status reports submitted to NCPC subsequent to June 30, 2008.

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

Child Care Resource and Referral Program (CCR&R) – Craven Partnership's other major source of revenue and support is from the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services for a cost-reimbursement program pass-through contract with Child Care Resources, Inc. (CCRI) for the Regional Child Care Resource and Referral Program.

Craven Partnership was awarded \$246,246 under a current year and has received \$211,750 of this amount. The unexpended balance of this contract is subject to reversion to CCRI. Craven Partnership has returned \$6,094 to CCRI based on financial status reports submitted to CCRI subsequent to June 30, 2008.

Craven Partnership expects to receive continued funding through new Child Care Resource and Referral Program contracts with CCRI.

NOTE 3 - FUNDING FROM GRANT AWARDS (CONTINUED)

Health Check and Health Choice Program – Craven Partnership also received revenue and support from the North Carolina Division of Medical Assistance on a pass-through contract with the Craven County Health Department for reimbursement of expenses. Craven Partnership was awarded \$67,746 and has received \$66,973 of this amount. Craven Partnership expects to receive continued funding through the North Carolina Division of Medical Assistance for this program.

Family Support Network Program – Craven Partnership also received revenue and support from the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services based on a cost-reimbursement pass-through contract with the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (UNC-CH) for the Family Support Network Regional Services Initiative. Craven Partnership was awarded \$16,500 under a current year cost-reimbursement contract and has received \$15,087 of this amount. Craven Partnership expects to receive continued funding through new Regional contracts with UNC-CH.

NOTE 4 - RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Service Provider Contracts with Board Member Organizations – The board members of the Craven Partnership are representative of various organizations that benefit from actions taken by the Board. It is the policy of the Craven Partnership that board members not be involved with decisions regarding organizations they represent. During the year, Craven 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 Craven 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 Accessibility and Availability – Used to account for service activities including increasing child care availability.

NOTE 5 - FUNCTIONAL EXPENDITURES (CONTINUED)

A. Program Functions (continued)

Child Care and Education Affordability – Used to account for service activities including pre-K classes, child care subsidy administration (Division of Child Development), part-day care programs.

Child Care and Education Quality - Used to account for service activities including quality enhancement grants for upgrades, child care resource and referral, salary supplements (WAGE\$).

Family Support – Used to account for service activities including parents as teachers, literacy programs and community outreach, information and resources.

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

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.

B. Support Function

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 in-house and direct service provider activities as to the delivery of services and adherence to the specific terms and conditions of the contracts.

C. Allocation of Joint Costs

Salaries and Benefits – Direct allocation based on estimated time spent by employees for each functions as recorded on employee time reports.

NOTE 5 - FUNCTIONAL EXPENDITURES (CONTINUED)

C. Allocation of Joint Costs (continued)

Occupancy Costs – Direct allocation based on square footage for the program or activity.

Other Costs – Costs such as supplies, materials and communications are directly allocated based on usage.

NOTE 6 - OPERATING LEASE OBLIGATIONS

Craven Partnership leased office space under a yearly operating lease expiring June 30, 2008. Rental expense for all operating leases during the year was \$20,454.

NOTE 7 - PENSION PLAN

Retirement Plan – Craven Partnership has a SIMPLE-IRA plan (Plan) covering all full-time employees that receive a minimum of \$5,000 in compensation. Each full-time employee of Craven Partnership has an option to participate in the Plan. An Individual Retirement Plan is provided to the employee through an outside financial institution. Craven Partnership makes a dollar-for-dollar matching contribution not to exceed 3% of gross wages. Craven Partnership does not own the accounts nor is it liable for any other cost other than the required contribution. Craven Partnership contributed \$9,856 for retirement benefits during the year.

NOTE 8 - RISK MANAGEMENT

Craven 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 Craven 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 Craven 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 Craven 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 \$10,276. 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 Purpose	A	mount
Basic School Age Children Welcome Baby Project Bates Foundation – Family Support Network Conference	\$	76 2,956 6,674 291
Total	\$	9,997

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				
United Way – Parent to Parent	\$	111			
Bates Foundation – Family Support Network		7,901			
Total	\$	8.012			

Craven Smart Start, 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			efund Due	
Paid to Organizations:										
All About Children Daycare		\$	40,356	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	
Bryant Chapel Preschool			59,999		-		-		-	
Child Care Network			19,722		-		-		-	
Coastal Community Action	*		20,406		-		-		-	
Craven Cherry Point CDC			47,737		-		-		-	
Craven County Cooperative Extension	*		54,094		543		-		-	
Craven County Schools	*		195,445		-		-		-	
Easter Seals UCP, North Carolina			29,704		-		-		-	
Facility Grant Recipients	-		14,100		-		-		-	
			481,563		543		-		-	
Paid to Individuals:	_									
Education Incentive Grants			19,600		-		-		-	
Parent Stipend					-		25		-	
			19,600				25			
	_	\$	501,163	\$	543	\$	25	\$	-	

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

Organization Name	DHHS Contracts
* Craven County Department of Social Services Child Care Services Association - WAGE\$ Program	\$ 156,560 496,573
	\$ 653,133

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.

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

Craven Smart Start, Inc. Schedule of Federal and State Awards - Modified Cash Basis For the Year Ended June 30, 2008

Schedule 3

Federal/State Grantor/Pass-through Grantor/Program	Federal CFDA Number	Contract #	Receipts	Expenditures
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Federal Awards:				
North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services				
Division of Child Development				
Pass-through from Child Care Resources, Inc.	00.575	407.00	Φ 005.050	
Child Care Resource and Referral Program	93.575	407-02	\$ 205,656	\$ 192,140
North Carolina Division of Medical Assistance				
Pass-through from Craven County Health Department				
Health Check and Health Choice Program	84.132		66,973	67,746
Total Federal Awards			272,629	259,886
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	1,091,805	1,091,805
Multi-County Accounting and Contracting Grant		N/A	11,665	10,628
North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services				
Division of Public Health				
Pass-through from the University of North Carolina - Chapel Hill				
Family Support Network - current year			15,087	16,500
Family Support Network - prior year			936	
Total State Awards			1,119,493	1,118,933
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Total Federal and State Awards			\$ 1,392,122	\$ 1,378,819

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

Craven Smart Start, 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	\$ 21,952 63,369
Total Property and Equipment	\$ 85,321

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	\$ 7,752 5,447
	\$ 13,199
Match Provided at the Contractor Level:	
Cash In-Kind Goods and Services	\$ 158,590 41,935
	\$ 200,525

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 Craven Smart Start, Inc. New Bern, North Carolina

We have audited the financial statements of the Craven Smart Start, Inc. (Craven Partnership) as of and for the year ended June 30, 2008, and have issued our report thereon dated January 31, 2009. 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 Craven 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 Craven Partnership's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Craven 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 Craven 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 Craven Partnership's financial statements that is more than inconsequential will not be prevented or detected by the Craven 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 Craven 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 Craven 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 Craven Partnership in a separate letter dated January 31, 2009.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the Craven Partnership's Board of Directors, management of the Craven 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 Gunderson LLP

January 31, 2009

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