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BLICK CLINIC AWARDED THREE-YEAR CARF ACCREDITATION

Akron, Ohio – January 4, 2007 – CARF announced that Blick Clinic, Inc. has been accredited for a period of three years for its Case Management/Services Coordination, Community Housing, Outpatient Treatment, Partial Hospitalization, Supported Living and Community Services. This is the first accreditation that the international accrediting commission has awarded to Blick Clinic.

This accreditation outcome represents the highest level of accreditation that can be awarded to an organization and shows the organization's substantial conformance to the standards established by CARF. An organization receiving a Three-Year Accreditation outcome has put itself through a rigorous peer review process and has demonstrated to a team of surveyors during an on-site visit that its programs and services are of the highest quality, measurable, and accountable.

Blick Clinic is a nonprofit organization located at 640 West Market Street, Akron, OH. It has been providing clinical (psychiatric, social work, psychology, physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech/language therapy, case management), residential (group and foster) and day program (day activities/retirement, partial hospitalization, education) services for persons with developmental disabilities since 1969.

CARF is an independent, not-for-profit accrediting body whose mission is to promote the quality, value, and optimal outcomes of services through a consultative accreditation process that centers on enhancing the lives of the persons served. Founded in 1966 as the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities, and now known as CARF, the accrediting body establishes consumer-focused standards to help organizations measure and improve the quality of their programs and services.

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