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Community Living Chatham-Kent awarded three-year CARF accreditation

Chatham, Ontario – January 19, 2011 – CARF International announced that Community Living Chatham-Kent has been accredited for a period of three years for its Community Housing, Community Integration, Community Services Coordination, Respite Services, Supported Living, Community Employment Services (Job Development, Job Supports, Job-Site Training), Organizational Employment Services.

This is the first accreditation that the international accrediting body has awarded to Community Living Chatham-Kent.

This accreditation decision represents the highest level of accreditation that can be awarded to an organization and shows the organization's substantial conformance to the CARF standards. An organization receiving a Three-Year Accreditation 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.

Community Living Chatham-Kent is a not-for-profit organization with offices at 650 Riverview Drive, Chatham, Ontario, and has been providing services and support for people who have an intellectual disability throughout Chatham-Kent since 1955.

CARF is an independent, nonprofit 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 person-focused standards to help organizations measure and improve the quality of their programs and services.

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