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CENTER AWARDED THREE-YEAR CARF ACCREDITATION

COLUMBUS – January 9, 2009 – CARF International announced that the Columbus Speech & Hearing Center’s Comprehensive Program for the Deaf has been accredited for a period of three years for its vocational services for people with disabilities. The latest accreditation is the ninth consecutive Three-Year Accreditation that the international accrediting body has awarded to the Center.

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.

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.

Columbus Speech & Hearing Center, founded in 1923, is a non-profit United Way organization serving nearly 10,000 people annually. Services include hearing evaluations, hearing aids, speech therapy for children and adults, occupational therapy and treatment and vocational services for people who are Deaf, Hard-of-Hearing, Deaf-Blind and have other disabilities. Generous charitable giving from the community help offset the cost of the Center’s valued services for low-income families.

For additional information regarding vocational services, contact Joanne Shannon, Vice President & Director of the Comprehensive Program for the Deaf at 614.261.5770 or visit www.columbusspeech.org.