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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

JUNE 30, 1998

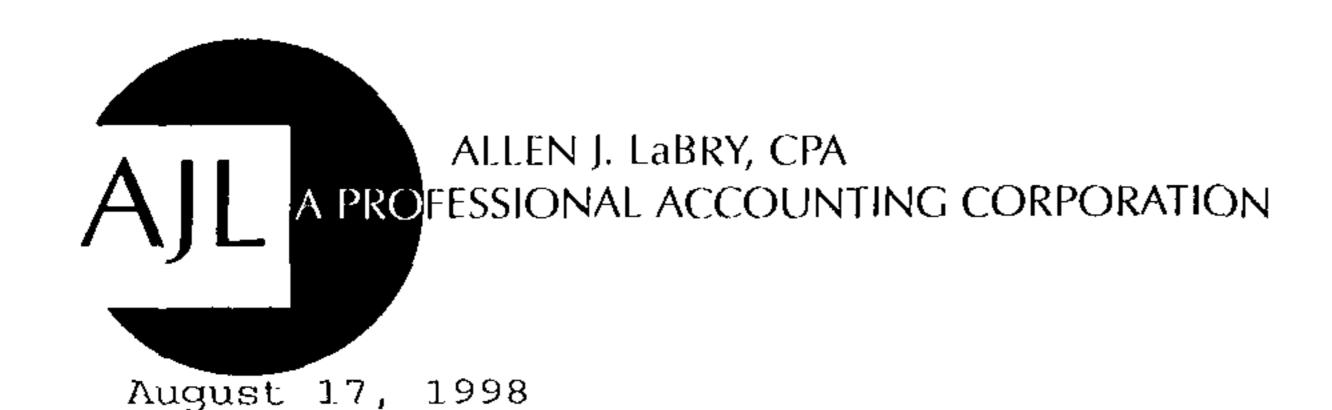
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ALLEN J. LABRY, CPA

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Board of Directors Vermilion Association for Retarded Citizens, Inc. 809 S. Severin Erath, Louisiana 70533

I have audited the accompanying statements of financial position of Vermilion Association for Retarded Citizens, Inc. (a nonprofit organization) as of June 30, 1998 and the related statements of activities and cash flows for the year then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Organization's management. My responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based upon my audit.

I conducted my audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, and <u>Government Auditing Standards</u>, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that I plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. 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. I believe that my audit provides a reasonable basis for my opinion.

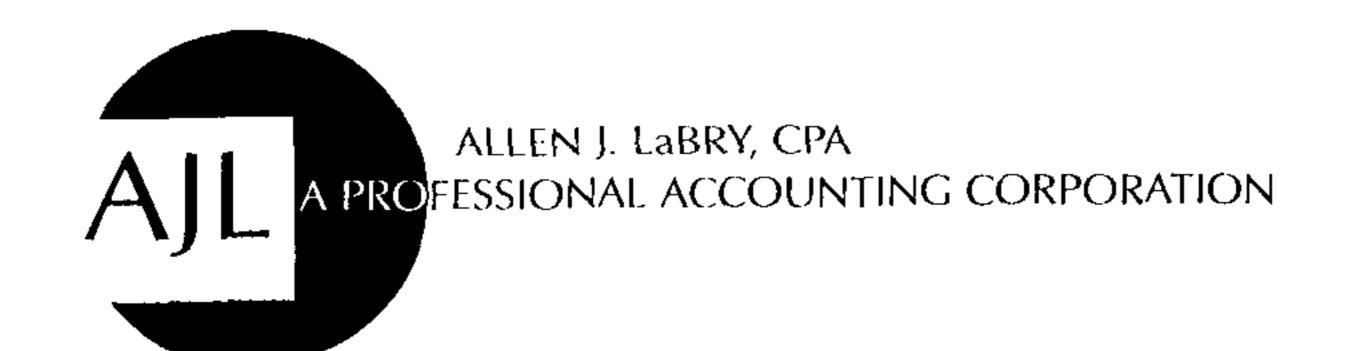
In my opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Vermilion Association for Retarded Citizens, Inc., at June 30, 1998, and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the year then ended in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

In accordance with <u>Government Auditing Standards</u>, I have also issued a report dated August 17, 1998, on my conclusion of Vermilion Association for Retarded Citizens, Inc.'s internal control structure and a report dated August 17, 1998, on its compliance with laws and regulations.

Allen J. LaBry

Certified Public Accountant

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ALIEN J. LABRY, CPA

August 17, 1998

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON COMPLIANCE BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

Board of Directors Vermilion Association For Retarded Citizens, Inc. 809 S. Severin Erath, LA 70533

I have audited the financial statements of Vermilion Association For Retarded Citizens, Inc. (The Association - a nonprofit organization), as of and for the year ended June 30, 1998, and have issued my report thereon dated August 17, 1998.

I conducted my audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and <u>Government Auditing Standards</u>, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that I plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement.

Compliance with laws, regulations, contracts, and grants applicable to the Association is the responsibility of the Association's management. As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement, I performed tests of the Association's compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants. However, the objective of my audit of the financial statements was not to provide an opinion on overall compliance with such provisions. Accordingly, I do not express such an opinion.

The results of my tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance that are required to be reported under <u>Government Auditing</u> <u>Standards</u>.

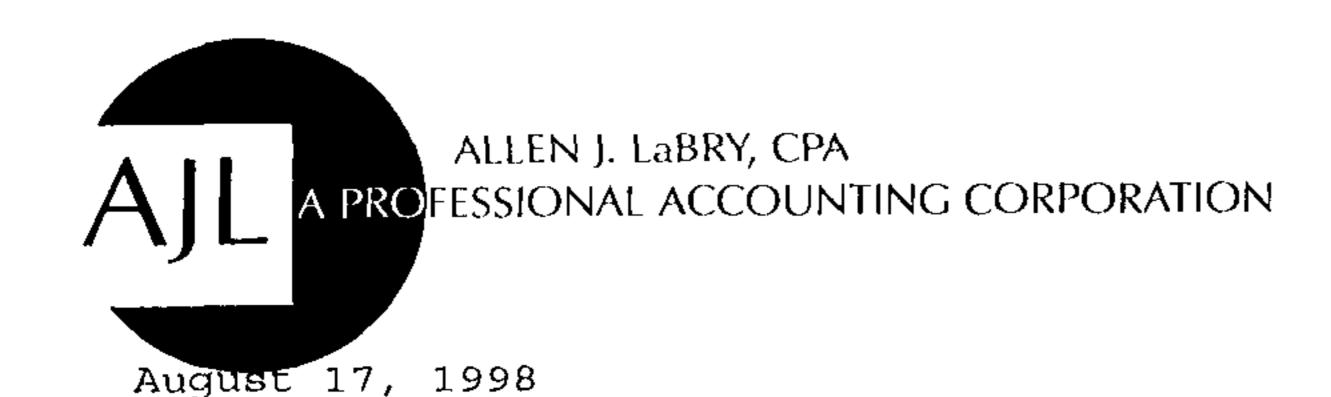
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Allen J. LaBry

Certified Public Accountant

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL STRUCTURE BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

Board of Directors Vermilion Association For Retarded Citizens, Inc. 809 S Severin Erath, LA 70533

I have audited the financial statements of Vermilion Association For Retarded Citizens, Inc. (The Association), as of and for the year ended June 30, 1998, and have issued my report thereon dated August 17, 1998.

I conducted my audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and <u>Government Auditing Standards</u>, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that I plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement.

The management of the Association is responsible for establishing and maintaining an internal control structure. In fulfilling this responsibility, estimates and judgments by management are required to assess the expected benefits and related costs of internal control structure policies and procedures. The objectives of an internal control structure are to provide management with reasonable, but not absolute, assurance that assets are safeguarded against loss from unauthorized use or disposition, and that transactions are executed in accordance with management's authorization and recorded properly to permit the preparation of financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. Because of inherent limitations in any structure, errors internal control irregularities or may nevertheless occur and not be detected. Also, projection of any evaluation of the structure to future periods is subject to the risk that procedures may become inadequate because of changes in conditions or that the effectiveness of the design and operation of policies and procedures may deteriorate.

In planning and performing my audit of the financial statements of the Association for the year ended June 30, 1998, I obtained an understanding of the internal control structure. With respect to the internal control structure, I obtained an understanding of the design of relevant policies and procedures and whether they have been placed in operation, and I assessed control risk in order to determine my auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing my opinion on the financial statements and not to provide an opinion on the internal control structure. Accordingly, I do not express such an opinion.

I noted certain matters involving the internal control structure and its operation that I consider to be reportable conditions under standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. Reportable conditions involve matters coming to my attention relating to significant deficiencies in the design or operation of the internal control structure that, in my judgment, could adversely affect the entity's ability to record, process, summarize, and report financial data consistent with the assertions of management in the financial statements.

In my consideration of the internal control structure, I noted that, as a reportable condition, the limited number of employees preclude an adequate segregation of duties and other features of an adequate internal control structure. To employ such controls may not be cost beneficial for the Association.

A material weakness is a reportable condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the internal control structure elements does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that errors or irregularities in amounts that would be material in relation to the financial statements being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions.

My consideration of the internal control structure would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control structure that might be reportable conditions and, accordingly, would not necessarily disclose all reportable conditions that are also considered to be material weaknesses as defined above. However, I believe none of the reportable conditions described above is a material weakness.

This report is intended for the information of the audit committee, management, and board of directors. However, this report is a matter of public record, and its distribution is not limited.

Allen J. LaBry

Certified Public Accountant

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VERMILION ASSOCIATION FOR RETARDED CITIZENS, INC. STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION JUNE 30, 1998

ASSETS	
CURRENT ASSETS CASH (NOTE 2) CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE	\$21,977 257,251 9,524
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	\$288,752
NONCURRENT ASSETS PROPERTY, PLANT & EQUIPMENT AT COST, NET OF ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION (NOTE 3)	50,137
TOTAL ASSETS	\$338,889
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS CURRENT LIABILITIES	
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE PAYROLL TAX PAYABLE STATE W/H TAX PAYABLE	\$1,225 0 0
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	1,225
UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS	337,664
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	\$338,889 =======

VERMILION ASSOCIATION FOR RETARDED CITIZENS, INC. STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1998

UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS:	
SUPPORT—OFFICE OF MENTAL RETARDATION CONTRIBUTIONS AND GRANTS	\$104,806 41,789
TOTAL UNRESTRICTED SUPPORT	146,595
REVENUE PARAMAX INCOME CLIENT WORK INCOME INTEREST INCOME DUES	10,614 16,354 14,153 798
TOTAL UNRESTRICTED REVENUE	41,919
TOTAL UNRESTRICTED REVENUES AND SUPPORT	188,514
EXPENSES - PROGRAM SERVICES ACCOUNTING AUTO EXPENSE CONVENTION DEPRECIATION DUES INSURANCE LICENSING OFFICE SUPPLIES PLANT SUPPLIES & REPAIRS POSTAGE REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE SALARIES SALARIES - CLIENT WORK SECURITY SUPPLIES - CLIENT WORK TAXES - PAYROLL TELEPHONE TRAINING STAFF UTILITIES	2,275 11,966 440 14,317 2,134 14,044 150 4,001 1,023 223 130 80,213 10,867 460 456 567 7,062 790 2,225
TOTAL EXPENSES	153,343
INCREASE IN UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS NET ASSETS AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	35,171 302,493
NET ASSETS AT END OF YEAR	\$337,664

THE ACCOMPANYING NOTES ARE AN INTEGRAL PART OF THIS STATEMENT PAGE 9

VERMILION ASSOCIATION FOR RETARDED CITIZENS, INC. STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1998

CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:

CHANGE IN NET ASSETS ADJUSTMENTS TO RECONCILE INCREASE IN NET ASSETS TO NET CASH PROVIDED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES:	\$35,171
DEPRECIATION DECREASE IN ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE INCREASE IN ACCOUNTS PAYABLE DECREASE PAYROLL TAX PAYABLE DECREASE IN STATE W/H TAX PAYABLE NET CASH PROVIDED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES	14,317 169 468 (35) (369) 49,721
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:	
SHORT - TERM INVESTMENTS, NET PURCHASE OF VAN & BUS	(47,638) (32,654)
NET CASH USED BY INVESTING ACTIVITIES	(80,292)
NET DECREASE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT BEGINNING OF YEAR CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT END OF YEAR	(30,571) 52,548 \$21,977

VERMILION ASSOCIATION FOR RETARDED CITIZENS, INC. NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS JUNE 30, 1998

NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements of the Vermilion Association for Retarded Citizens, Inc. have been prepared on the accrual basis. The significant accounting policies followed are described below to enhance the usefulness of the financial statements to the reader.

Financial Statement Presentation

In 1997, the Organization adopted Statement of Financial Accounting Standards (SFAS) No. 117, "Financial Statements of Not-for-Profit Organizations." Under SFAS No. 117, the Organization is required to report information regarding its financial position and activities according to three classes of net assets: unrestricted net assets, temporarily restricted net assets, and permanently restricted net assets. In addition, the Organization is required to present a statement of cash flows. As permitted by this new statement, the Organization has discontinued its use of fund accounting and has, accordingly, reclassified its financial statements to present the three classes of net assets required. This reclassification had no effect on the change in net assets for June 30, 1998.

Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.

NOTE 2: CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

For purposes of the statement of cash flows, the Association Considers all highly liquid investments available for current use with an initial maturity of three months or less to be cash equivalents.

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Cash includes amounts in demand deposits. At June 30, 1998, the Association had cash totaling \$21,977 as follows:

	General Fund	
Cash	\$	78
Demand Deposits		21,899
Total	\$	21,977
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NOTE 3: PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT AND DEPRECIATION

All Property, Plant, and Equipment are stated at historical cost. Donated fixed assets are stated at their estimated fair value on the date of donation. Such donations are reported as unrestricted support unless the donor has restricted the donated asset to a specific purpose. Depreciation of buildings and equipment is provided over the estimated useful lives of the respective asset on a straight-line basis. A summary of Plant Assets is as follows:

Buildi	ngs and Improvements	\$ 95,497
Autos		62,918
		158,415
Less:	Accumulated Depreciation	<u>108,278</u>
		\$ 50,137
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NOTE 4: ACCUMULATED UNPAID VACATION, SICK PAY AND OTHER EMPLOYEE BENEFITS

There is no unpaid vacation or sick pay.

NOTE 5: CONTRIBUTED SERVICES

There are no services contributed to the association.

NOTE 6: MANAGEMENTS CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN

At year-end June 30, 1997 the association had various reportable conditions that were included in the management letter. The Association maintained large cash balances which were in excess of federally insured deposits. The Association has since transferred PAGE 12

the excess cash into another bank. Invoices were not properly approved and some invoices were missing. The employee who processes disbursements signs off on invoices and the Treasurer double checks the invoice. Adjustments to salaries were not corrected through an expense or payable account, therefore the error was not included in the quarterly reports. All payroll corrections are now through an expense or payable account. All matters contained in the prior year management letter have been resolved by management. No management recommendation letter has been issued for the current year.

NOTE 7: INCOME TAXES

The Association is a not-for-profit organization that is exempt from income taxes under Section 501 (C)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.