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ST. TAMMANY ASSOCIATION FOR RETARDED CITIZENS, INC.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1999



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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Board of Directors St. Tammany Association for Retarded Citizens, Inc. Slidell, Louisiana

We have audited the accompanying statement of financial position of St. Tammany Association for Retarded Citizens, Inc. (a Louisiana corporation, not for profit) as of June 30, 1999, and the related statements of activities, functional expenses, changes in net assets, and cash flows for the year then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Association's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards; the standards for financial audits contained in <u>Governmental Auditing Standards</u>, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and the provisions of the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A-133, <u>Audits of Institutions of Higher Education and Other Nonprofit Institutions</u>. Those standards and OMB Circular A-133 require that we 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. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of St. Tammany Association for Retarded Citizens, Inc. as of June 30, 1999, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended, in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

In accordance with <u>Government Auditing Standards</u>, we have also issued a report dated August 11, 1999 on our consideration of St. Tammany Association for Retarded Citizens, Inc.'s internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants.

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Our audit was made for the purpose of forming an opinion on the basic financial statements of St. Tammany Association for Retarded Citizens, Inc. taken as a whole. The accompanying schedules of federal financial assistance; activities and functional expenses by programs and supporting services; and supporting services allocated to programs for the year ended June 30, 1999 are presented for purposes of additional analysis as required by U.S. Office and Management and Budget Circular A-133, Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations, and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. The information in those schedules have been subjected to the procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

Sterra V Silver, LLP August 11, 1999

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St. Tammany Association for Retarded Citizens, Inc. Statement of Financial Position June 30, 1999

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ASSETS

Current Assets	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 321,595
Receivables	
Grants	278,533
Accounts	15,509
Prepaid expenses	5,298

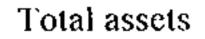
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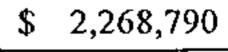
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Property and equipment	
Buildings	1,273,396
Furniture and equipment	211,648
Vehicles	274,607
Leasehold improvements	2,952
	1,762,603
Less accumulated depreciation	(360,059)
	1,402,544
Land	205,730
	1,608,274
Other Assets	
Refundable deposits	331
Community home bed allocation,	
net of accumulated amortization	39,250

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Current Liabilities

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Line of credit	\$ 184,434
Accounts payable	15,331
Accrued salaries and wages	84,235
Accrued payroll taxes	13,543
Accumulated sick leave	27,537
Current maturities of long-term debt	12,409

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Long-Term Liabilities	
Long-term debt, net of current maturities	340,930
Tenant security deposits	2,750
	343,680
Net Assets	
Unrestricted	1,089,848
Temporarily restricted	359,275
Permanently restricted	138,498
	1,587,621
Total liabilities and net assets	\$ 2,268,790

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

St. Tammany Association for Retarded Citizens, Inc. **Statement of Activities** For the Year Ended June 30, 1999

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	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Permanently Restricted	Total
Revenues and Other Support				
Government grants and contracts	\$ 2,432,221	\$-	\$ 28,000	\$ 2,460,221
Program services	155,602	-	-	155,602
Private providers	192,222	-	-	192,222
Sale of services	213,363	-	-	213,363
Donations	480,687	78,358	-	559,045
United Way allocation	-	55,604	-	55,604
United Way designation	55,857	-	-	55,857
Fundraising	40,217	-	-	40,217
Gain (loss) on sale of assets	(201)	-	-	(201)
Other	13,216	-	-	13,216
Net assets released from restrictions				
Restrictions satisfied by payments	19,779	(19,779)	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Total revenues and other support	3,602,963	114,183	28,000	3,745,146
Expenses				
Program services	2,798,592	-	16,746	2,815,338
Supporting services	499,022	-		499,022
Total expenses	3,297,614	₽	16,746	3,314,360
Change in net assets	\$ 305,349	\$ 114,183	\$ 11,254	\$ 430,786

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The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

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			д	Program Services	2	,		Sı	Supporting Services	Services	
	Adult	Infant		Supported	Waivered	Better Way		General and	and		
	Habilitation	Habilitation	Residential	Living	Services	Services	Total	Administrative	rative	Fundraising	Total
	\$ 376,519	\$ 220,955	\$ 379,659	\$108,562	S 577,291	\$ 101,673	S 1.764,659	S 346	346,960	\$ '	\$ 2,111,619
	30,311	17,863	30,756	8,866	46,697	8,164	142,657	58	28,043	1	170,700
	8,697	130,843	31,834	4,027	28,703	1,539	205,643	•	1,596	•	207,239
ternal	I	•	98,687	•	·	·	98,687		4	•	98,687
	•	•	59,715	,	•	•	59,715		•	،	59,715
	5,935	6,933	42,185	3,168	4,209	18,745	81,175	16	16,664	•	97,839
	1,894	•	5,346	ı	٠	•	7,240		·	،	7,240
	5,078	2,683	6,853	2,289	3,279	1,325	21,507	11	11,215	,	32,722
	370	832	572	228	1,144	414	3,560	e1	3,535	•	7,095
	51,881	17,234	45,419	4,462	7,015	17,589	143,600	ĕ	30,815	ł	174,415
	28,159	4,472	31,180	3,486	11,380	12,814	162,19	41	5,989	ſ	97,480
tization	29,793	9,247	33,294	1,305	1,697	19,272	94,608	Ŵ	8,341	•	102,949
	3,568	3,782	1,062	10,732	1,110	927	21,181		2,938	,	24,119
20	6,505	9,577	9,659	2,549	15,276	,	43,566	1.	15,222	ſ	58,788
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	•	•	22,634		ſ		22,634		•	•	22,634
	2,036	4,930	5,045	278	066	136	13,415		13,788	•	27,203
	\$ 550,746	S 429,351	\$ 803,900	\$ 149,952	\$ 698,791	S 182,598	S2,815,338	\$ 48	485,106	\$ 13,916	\$3,314,360

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St. Tammany Association for Retarded Citizens, Inc. Statement of Functional Expenses For the Year Ended June 30, 1999

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Conferences and training Depreciation and amortiz Day service charges-inter Fundraising expense Specific assistance Miscellaneous Professional services State bed fees Payroll taxes Telephone Occupancy Insurance Supplies Interest Salaries Postage Travel

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St. Tammany Association for Retarded Citizens, Inc. Statement of Changes in Net Assets June 30, 1999

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Net assets - beginning of year	\$ 1,156,835
Increase (decrease) in net assets	
Unrestricted	305,349
Temporarily restricted	114,183
Permanently restricted	11,254
Net assets - end of year	\$ 1,587,621

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The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

St. Tammany Association for Retarded Citizens, Inc. Statement of Cash Flows June 30, 1999

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CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES	
Change in net assets	\$ 430,786
Adjustments to reconcile change in net assets to	
net cash provided by operating activities	
Depreciation and amortization	102,949
(Gain) loss on sale of property and equipment	201
(Increase) decrease in operating assets	
Receivables	90.627

Receivables	90,627
Prepaid expenses	2,868
Deposits	36
Increase (decrease) in operating liabilities	
Accounts payable	(12,557)
Accrued liabilities	35,356
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	650,266
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES	
Purchases of property and equipment	(596,896)
Proceeds from sale of property and equipment	12,074
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities	(584,822)

CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES

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Proceeds from long-term debt	-
Principal payments on long-term debt	(185,077)
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities	(185,077)
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	(119,633)
Cash - beginning of year	441,228
Cash - end of year	\$ 321,595
Cash - end of year	\$ 321,595

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Supplemental cash flow information Cash paid during the year for: Interest

Noncash investing and financing activities Fixed assets acquired through long-term debt \$ 7,240

\$ 538,435

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The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

NOTE A – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Nature of Organization

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St. Tammany Association for Retarded Citizens, Inc. (the "Association") was incorporated on June 20, 1968. The Association provides day care services, work training services, and residential housing for retarded citizens of St. Tammany Parish.

Donated Assets and Services

The Association records noncash donations as contributions at its estimated fair value at the date of donation.

The Association recognizes donated services, if significant in amount, that create or enhance nonfinancial assets or that require specialized skills, that are provided by individuals possessing those skills, and would typically need to be purchased if not provided by donation.

Property and Equipment

Property and equipment are recorded at cost. Acquisitions of property and equipment are made with unrestricted assets. Depreciation is provided over the estimated useful lives of the respective assets, approximately five to ten years, on a straight-line basis.

Restricted and Unrestricted Revenue and Support

Contributions received are recorded as unrestricted, temporarily restricted, or permanently restricted support, depending on the existence and/or nature of any donor restrictions. Support that is restricted by the donor is reported as an increase in unrestricted net assets, if the restrictions expire in the reporting period in which the support is recognized. All other donor-restricted support is reported as an increase in temporarily or permanently restricted net assets, depending on the nature of the restriction. When a 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 activities as net assets released from restrictions. Federal grant awards are classified as refundable advances until expended for the purposes of the grants since they are conditional promises to give.

Functional Expense Allocation

Functional expenses are allocated among the various program services, general and administrative, and fundraising categories based on actual use or management's best estimate.

NOTE A – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Cash and Cash Equivalents

For purposes of the statement of cash flows, the Association considers all restricted highly liquid debt instruments purchased with an initial maturity of three months or less to be cash equivalents.

Use of Estimates in the Preparation of Financial Statements

The preparation of the Association's financial statements, in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles, requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect reported amounts of assets and liabilities as of June 30, 1999. Adjustments to the reported amounts of assets and liabilities may be necessary in the future to the extent that future estimates or actual results are different from the estimates used in the 1999 financial statements.

Basis of Presentation

Financial statement presentation follows the recommendations of the Financial Accounting Standards Board in its Statement of Financial Accounting Standards (SFAS) No. 116, Accounting for Contributions Received and Contributions Made, and SFAS No. 117, Financial Statements of Not-for-Profit Organizations. Under SFAS No. 116 and SFAS No. 117, the Association 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 depending on the existence and/or nature of any donor restrictions.

NOTE B - COMMUNITY BED ALLOCATION

The intangible asset created by the purchase of community bed allocations is being amortized over ten years using the straight-line method.

NOTE C - CONCENTRATIONS OF CREDIT RISK ARISING FROM CASH DEPOSITS IN EXCESS OF INSURED LIMITS

The Association maintains its cash balances in several financial institutions located in Slidell, Louisiana that may at times exceed amounts covered by insurance provided by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation up to \$100,000. The Association's cash balances were not in excess of the FDIC insurance at June 30, 1999. The Association has not experienced any losses in such accounts and believes it is not exposed to any significant credit risk to cash.

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NOTE D - FAIR VALUES OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

The estimated fair values of the Association's financial instruments are as follows:

	Carrying <u>Amount</u>	Fair <u>Value</u>
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 321,595	\$ 321,595
Long-term debt	\$ 340,930	\$ 340,930

The following methods and assumptions were used to estimate the fair value of each class of financial instruments:

Cash and cash equivalents – the carrying amount approximates fair value because of the short maturities of those investments.

Long-term debt – the fair values of long-term debt are based on quoted market prices for the same or similar issues or on the current rates offered to the Association for debt of the same remaining maturities.

NOTE E – LINE OF CREDIT

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The Association has a \$500,000 line of credit bearing interest at 9 percent, which is secured by a collateral real estate mortgage. The balance at June 30, 1999 was \$184,434.

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NOTE F – NOTES PAYABLE

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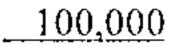
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Notes payable consist of the following at June 30, 1999:

Mortgage note dated May 28, 1999, payable to a bank in 180 monthly installments of \$2,520 consisting of principal and interest accruing at a rate of 8.5% through June 28, 2010. This note is collateralized by land and building

\$253,339

Mortgage note dated June 21, 1999, payable to a bank in 180 monthly installments of \$944 consisting of principal and interest accruing at a rate of 7.8% through June 21, 2014. This note is collateralized by land and building



Maturities are as follows:

2000	\$ 12,409
2001	13,820
2002	15,011
2003	16,306
2004	17,712
2005 and thereafter	278,081
Total minimum payments required	<u>\$353,339</u>
Current portion	\$ 12,409
Noncurrent portion	<u>340,930</u>
	<u>\$353,339</u>

Interest expense on notes payable for the year ending June 30, 1999, was \$7,240.

NOTE G – OPERATING LEASE OBLIGATIONS

The Association conducted a portion of its operations in leased facilities during the year ended June 30, 1999. The leases were classified as operating leases. Rent expense for such leased facilities during the year ended June 30, 1999, was \$24,308.

The Association leased certain office equipment and vehicles under leases classified as operating leases. Rent expense for such leased equipment and vehicles during the year ended June 30, 1999, was \$21,330.

During the year ended June 30, 1999, the facilities, and office equipment and vehicles were donated to the Association.

NOTE H -- PROGRAM GRANTS

The Association was organized to promote the general welfare of the mentally retarded, to foster the development of programs in their behalf, to advise and aid parents in the solution of problems related to mental retardation, and to coordinate their efforts and activities. To help meet these objectives, the Association maintains and operates a training facility for persons with mental retardation.

A substantial portion of the Association's support and revenue is derived from restricted grants for the various programs conducted. The grants are approved on a year-to-year basis and generally apply for the period July 1 through June 30. Any unexpended grant funds, or unauthorized expenditures charged against the programs, must be refunded.

NOTE I – UNITED WAY ALLOCATION/DESIGNATION

The Association participates in the United Way for the Greater New Orleans Area allocation and designation of funds process. To participate in the allocation and designation of funds, certain restrictions were placed on the Association's ability to conduct certain fund raising activities or otherwise solicit contributions. The United Way's allocation/designation to the Association for the year ended June 30, 1999, was \$111,460.

NOTE J – RESTRICTED CASH

At June 30, 1999, the Association had restricted cash of \$1,850. The use of these funds is restricted by donors.

NOTE K – FUND RAISING REVENUES

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Fund raising revenues are presented at gross, with related expenses presented separately in the accompanying financial statements. Net fund raising income for the period ending June 30, 1999, was \$26,301.

NOTE L – THIRD PARTY REVENUES

A substantial share of contract revenues for services to clients is derived under federal and state third-party reimbursement programs. These revenues are based, in part, on cost reimbursement principles and are subject to audit and retroactive adjustment by the respective third-party providers. Retroactive adjustments, if any, would not be material to the financial position or results of operations of the Association.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

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EXPENDITURES TOTAL

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rded Citizens al Assistance 30, 1999	ASSISTANC DURIN GRANTS	5 249,392 249,392	
St. Tammany Association for Retarded Citizens, Inc. Schedule of Federal Financial Assistance For the Year Ended June 30, 1999	ACCRUED/ (DEFERRED) REVENUE JUNE 30, 1998	\$ 37,223 37,223	
ımmany Asso Schedule of F For the Y	TOTAL GRANT AWARD	\$ 295,580 295,580	
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			Ч	Program Services	St			Services	
	Adult Habilitation	Infant Habilitation	Residential	Supported Living	Waivered Services	Better Way Services	Program Scrvices Total	General and Administrative Fund Raising	Total
	\$ 401,882 187,362 15,275	<pre>\$ 351,959 2,360 41,500</pre>	S 727,905 - 98,827	S 139,846 -	\$ 810,629 -	ч ч ч «Э	\$ 2,432,221 189,722 155,602	\$ 28,000 2,500	\$ 2,460,221 192,222 155,602
	- 1,597 15,779	- 4,517 23,200	- 274 16,625	- 226 -	- 1,787 -	213.363	213.363 8.401 55.604	- 550,644 -	213,363 559,045 55.604
of assets	- 867	, , , ,	• • •		, , , , ,		868	55,857 40,217 12,348 (201)	55,857 55,857 40,217 13,216 (201)
pport	622,762	423,536	843,631	140,072	812,416	213.364	3,055,781	689,365	3,745,146
	376,519	220,955	379,659	108,562	577,291	101,673	1,764.659	346,960	2,111,619
	30,311 8,697	17,863 130,843	30,756 31,834	8,866 4,027	46,697 28,703	8,164 1.539	142,657 205.643	28,043 1.596	170,700
			98,687 59.715	• •	, ,	.	98,687 59 715		98,687 50 715
	5,935 1,894	6,933 -	42,185 5.346	3,168 -	4,209	18,745	81,175	16,664	97,839 7 240
		2,683 832	6,853 572	2,289 228	3,279 1,144	1,325 414	21,507 3,560	11,215	32,722
	51,881 28,159	17,234 4,472	45,419 31,180	4,462 3,486	7,015 11,380	17,589 12,814	143,600 91,491	30,815 5,989	174,415 97.480
	, y, 29,	9,247 3,782	33,294 1,062	1,305 10,732	1,697 1,110	19,272 927	94,608 21,181	8,341 2,938	102,949 24,119
	6,505	9,577 -	9,659	2,549	15,276 -		43.566	15,222 13,916	58,788 13,916
	- 2,036	4,930	22.634 5,045	278	- 066	- 136	22,634 13,415	13,788	22,634 27,203
	550,746	429,351	803,900	149,952	698,791	182,598	2.815,338	499,022	3,314,360

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	Adult	Infant		Sumorted	Waivered	Retter Way	Program Services	General and Administrative	
	Habilitation	Habilitation	Residential	Living	Services	Scrvices	Total	Fund Raising	Total
acts	\$ 401,882	\$ 351,959	\$ 727,905	S 139,846	\$ 810,629	S I	\$2,432,221	S 28,000	\$2,460,221
	187,362	2,360	,	,		ſ	189,722	2,500	192,222
	15,275	41,500	98,827	ŀ	•	ſ	155,602	•	155,602
	•	,	•	•	•	213.363	213,363	•	213,363
	1,597	4,517	274	226	1,787	ı	8,401	550,644	559,045
	15,779	23,200	16,625	•	ı	I	55,604		55,604
	·	,	•	,	•	ı	•	55,857	55,857
	I	ı	ı	ı	•	ſ	•	40,217	40,217
	867	•	·	·	ı	ſ	868	12,348	13,216
assets	·	•	•	•	•	•	•	(201)	(201)
	622,762	423,536	843,631	140,072	812,416	213,364	3,055,781	689,365	3,745,146
rice revenues	275,746	82,724	172,341	20,681	137,873		689,365	(689,365)	•
support	898,508	506,260	1,015,972	160,753	950,289	213.364	3,745,146	•	3,745,146
	406,830	238,818	410,415	117,428	623,988	109,837	1,907,316	375,003	2,282,319
	51,881	17,234	45,419	4,462	7,015	17,589	143,600	30,815	174,415
	3,568	3,782	1,062	10,732	1,110	927	21,181	2,938	24,119
S	88,467	169,517	347,004	17,330	66,678	54,245	743,241	90,266	833,507
	550,746	429,351	803,900	149,952	668,791	182,598	2,815,338	499,022	3,314,360
vice expenses	199,609	59,883	124,756	14,971	99,804	1	499,022	(499,022)	
	750,355	489,234	928,656	164,923	798,595	182.598	3,314,360	•	3,314,360
	\$ 148,153	\$ 17,026	\$ 87,317	\$ (4,170)	\$ 151,694	S 30,766	\$ 430,786	s S	\$ 430,786

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St. Tammany Association for Retarded Citizens. Inc. Schedule of Revenues. Support and Expenses Allocated to Programs For the Year Ended June 30, 1999

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Other direct program expenses Allocation of supporting service e Other income Gain (loss) on disposition of asset Government grants and contract Allocation of supporting service Total revenues and other suj Revenues and Other Support United Way designation Compensation expenses United Way allocation Program service fees Total expenses Private providers Sale of services Other income Fundraising Occupancy Donations Expenses Travel

Change in net assets

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OTHER INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON COMPLIANCE AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING BASED ON AN AUDIT OF BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS AND OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET (OMB) CIRCULAR A-133

Board of Directors St. Tammany Association for Retarded Citizens, Inc. Slidell, Louisiana

We have audited the financial statements of St. Tammany Association for Retarded Citizens, Inc. as of and for the year ended June 30, 1999, and have issued our report thereon dated August 11, 1999.

We conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards; the standards for financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and the provisions of Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A-133, Audits of Institutions of Higher Education and Other Nonprofit Institutions. Those standards and OMB Circular A-133, require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement.

<u>Compliance</u>

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether St. Tammany Association for Retarded Citizens, Inc. financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants, 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 that are required to be reported under Government Auditing Standards.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered St. Tammany Association for Retarded Citizens, Inc.'s internal control over financial reporting in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements and not to

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting, (continued)

provide assurance on the internal control over financial reporting. Our consideration of the internal control over financial reporting would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control over financial reporting that might be material weaknesses. A material weakness is a condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the internal control components does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that misstatements 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.

We noted no matters involving the internal control over financial reporting and its operation that we consider to be material weaknesses.

This report is intended for the information of the finance committee, management, the Department of Health and Human Services, the Department of Transportation, the United Way, and the Louisiana Legislative Auditor. However, this report is a matter of public record, and its distribution is not limited.

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August 11, 1999

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON COMPLIANCE WITH REQUIREMENTS APPLICABLE TO EACH MAJOR PROGRAM AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE IN ACCORDANCE WITH OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET (OMB) CIRCULAR A-133

Board of Directors

St. Tammany Association for Retarded Citizens, Inc. Slidell, Louisiana

We have audited the compliance of St. Tammany Association for Retarded Citizens, Inc. with the types of compliance requirements described in the U.S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A-133 Compliance Supplement that are applicable to each of its major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 1999. St. Tammany Association for Retarded Citizens, Inc.'s major federal programs are identified in the summary of auditor's results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs. Compliance with requirements of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants applicable to each of its major federal programs is the responsibility of St. Tammany Association for Retarded Citizens, Inc.'s management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on St. Tammany Association for Retarded Citizens, Inc.'s compliance based on our audit.

We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards; the standards for financial audits contained in <u>Government Auditing Standards</u>, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and the provisions of Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A-133, <u>Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit</u> <u>Organizations</u>. Those standards and OMB Circular A-133, require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether noncompliance with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on a major federal program occurred. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence about St. Tammany Association for Retarded Citizens, Inc.'s compliance with those requirements and performing such other procedures, as we considered necessary in the circumstances. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion. Our audit does not provide a legal determination of St. Tammany Association for Retarded Citizens, Inc.'s compliance of the citizens, Inc.'s compliance with those requirements and performing such other procedures as the provide and the circumstances. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion. Our audit does not provide a legal

requirements.

In our opinion, St. Tammany Association for Retarded Citizens, Inc. complied, in all material respects, with the requirements referred to above that are applicable to each of its major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 1999.

Internal Control Over Compliance

The management of St. Tammany Association for Retarded Citizens, Inc. is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over compliance with the requirements of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants applicable to federal programs. In planning and performing our audit, we considered St. Tammany Association for Retarded Citizens, Inc.'s internal control over compliance with requirements that could have a direct and material effect on a major federal program in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on compliance and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with OMB Circular A-133.

Our consideration of the internal control over compliance would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control that might be material weaknesses. A material weakness is a condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the internal control components does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that noncompliance with applicable requirements of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants that would be material in relation to a major federal program being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. We noted no matters involving the internal control over compliance and its operation that we consider to be material weaknesses.

This report is intended for the information of the finance committee, management, the Department of Health and Human Services, the Department of Transportation, the United Way, and the Louisiana Legislative Auditor. This restriction is not intended to limit the distribution of this report, which is a matter of public record.

August 11, 1999

St. Tammany Association for Retarded Citizens, Inc.

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Schedule of Questioned Costs

June 30, 1999

WE NOTED NO QUESTIONED COSTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1999

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Planned Corrective Action/Partial Corrective Action Taken

Explanation Additional

There were no prior audit findings for the year ended June 30, 1998.

St. Tammany Association for Retarded Citizens, Inc. Summary Schedule of Prior Audit Findings For the Year Ended June 30, 1999

Description

(Yes, No, Partially) Action Taken Corrective

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