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### **DDM Awarded Three-Year CARF Accreditation**

NORCROSS, GA—The Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF) has announced that DDM has been accredited for a period of three years for its Community Services: Community Housing, Community Housing (Older Adults), Community Integration, Community Integration (Older Adults), Supported Living, and Governance. The latest accreditation is the third consecutive Three-Year Accreditation outcome that the international accrediting commission has awarded to DDM.

“Our staff has been very diligent about conforming to high standards for themselves and DDM overall,” explains William Neal, President and CEO, commenting on the results of the accreditation process.

The CARF 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.

“Every institution or agency will state their commitment to quality, success and performance. However, it is vital such commitment be evaluated and verified by an outside, independent and trustworthy source,” said Neal.

DDM has a major commitment to enhance the quality of its services and programs which focus on positive outcomes for residents. CARF surveyors commended DDM on its Public Relations program, particularly the website; the new Church Services ministry; Administrative and Board leadership; Strategic Planning; and well-written Program policies and procedures.

Surveyors stated that residents and others interviewed were “uniformly satisfied and complimentary of DDM.” They also noted the “attractive, safe and healthy environment” for residents and that dedicated staff provide “genuine caring and support.”

“DDM has submitted to a very thorough investigation and our integrity and competence have passed detailed scrutiny by CARF—for that we both proud and grateful.”

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