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### **ABILITIES ANNOUNCES CARF ACCREDITATION WITH AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER DESIGNATION – FIRST IN NORTHWEST NEW JERSEY**

WASHINGTON, NJ- Abilities of Northwest Jersey Inc. is proud to announce its recent three year accreditation awarded by CARF International for its Community Employment Services, including Employment Supports and Job Development, Organizational Employment, Comprehensive Vocational Evaluation, Employee Development and Student Transition Services with an Autism Spectrum Disorder – Adult designation for each accredited service. The latest accreditation is the 13th consecutive accreditation that CARF International has awarded to Abilities. This accreditation is a major accomplishment for Abilities, who is now the only non-profit organization in the northwest region of New Jersey with services accredited specifically for Adults with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD).

“This accreditation is the highest level of accreditation that can be awarded to an organization and shows Abilities substantial conformance to the CARF standards,” said Abilities CEO Cynthia B. Wildermuth. “Abilities undergoes a rigorous peer review process, and the agency again demonstrated to a team of surveyors that we are committed to offering exceptional services and programs that are of the highest quality. We are especially proud of the Adults with Autism Spectrum Disorder population designation. Our team has worked incredibly hard to ensure



services and supports for those living with ASD are individualized, and designed to promote the best possible outcomes.”

CARF International is an independent, nonprofit accrediting body whose mission is to promote the quality, value, and optimal outcomes of services through a consultative accreditation process and continuous improvement services that center on enhancing the lives of the persons served.

Founded in 1966, CARF International establishes consumer-focused standards to help organizations measure and improve the quality of their programs and services. For more information about the accreditation process, please visit the CARF website at [www.carf.org](http://www.carf.org).

Abilities of Northwest Jersey is a non-profit organization dedicated to improving the employability and quality of life for people with different abilities by providing training and individualized services. Incorporated in 1974, Abilities works diligently to create an inclusive community where individuals with different abilities are given the opportunity to reach their fullest potential in life.

For any further information regarding Abilities programs and services, please visit [www.abilitiesnw.org](http://www.abilitiesnw.org) or call 908-689-1118.

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