



"Partnering with people who have developmental disabilities to achieve healthy, fulfilling, enriched lives."

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### **Koinonia Awarded Ohio Association of Nonprofit Organization's Standards for Excellence Seal**

May 15, 2009 - Koinonia Homes, Inc., the largest Cleveland nonprofit serving individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD) in Cuyahoga County, received the Ohio Association of Nonprofit Organization's (OANO) Standards for Excellence Award. This will be the fourth year Koinonia has been certified under the OANO's Standards for Excellence, a certification awarded to less than thirty nonprofit organizations in Ohio since its inception a few years ago.

OANO is committed to strengthening public confidence in and support for the nonprofit sector through the Standards for Excellence. The certification promotes ethical practices and accountability in nonprofit organizations across the state. As a statewide membership organization, OANO provides leadership, education, and advocacy to increase Ohio's non-profit organizations ability to serve their communities.

The certification process, which promotes self-regulatory accountability, was conducted in two phases. The first phase included Koinonia completing an internal audit to assess whether its current policies and procedures met application requirements and determine if revisions and/or new ones needed to be created.

The second phase included an anonymous peer review process to determine if Koinonia met all the standards required to receive the certification. The extensive review focused on the organization's operations, programs and services, governance, human resources, financial management, and fundraising practices.

Koinonia will remain certified until 2014 at which time the organization will begin the application process again. For more information on OANO's Standards for Excellence Award please visit the following website: <http://www.oano.org/Standards.asp>.

#### *About Koinonia Homes, Inc.*

Koinonia Homes, Inc. (coin-o-nee-yah) is a private, not-for-profit 501(c)(3) organization that provides residential and adult day support and vocational services to individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD) throughout Cuyahoga County, Ohio. It is the largest provider of IDD services in the county, serving over 260 individuals and employing 450 staff members. The organization's mission is partnering with people who have developmental disabilities to achieve healthy, fulfilling, enriched lives. Visit [www.koinoniahomes.org](http://www.koinoniahomes.org) to learn more about our organization.