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**CARF ACCREDITATION**  
DEDICATION TO PEOPLE SERVED

**Fraser, Michigan— December 5, 2017** — CARE of Southeastern Michigan is proud to announce the approval of their three year CARF accreditation. In October, the organization underwent a highly intensive, and thorough evaluation of many of their programs and services, as well as their Board Governance Standards. This accreditation will extend through September 30, 2020.

This achievement is an indication of CARE’s dedication and commitment to improving the quality of the lives of persons served. It’s abundantly clear, through the services they provide, their staff, and documentation, the established pattern of conformance to these standards. “Each of the organization’s service delivery components, (community and workplace programs, peer recovery services, and intervention and clinical services) provide high-quality services to residents of Southeastern Michigan. The use of specified evidence-based practices ensures the best possible services to the persons served,” CARF International.

This year, CARE added two new programs to their accreditation, Outpatient Treatment and Employee Assistance Program for adults and children. The evaluation of both programs resulted in outstanding ratings. CARE is one of only three Michigan based companies that are CARF accredited in EAP and the only organization accredited to provide children’s EAP services. CARE is the only EAP accredited organization in Macomb County. According to the report, “Outpatient treatment programs provide culturally and linguistically appropriate services that include, but are not limit to, individual, group, and family counseling and education on wellness, recovery and resiliency. CARE’s programs offer comprehensive, coordinated, and defined services that may vary in level of intensity”.

This year, CARE began a partnership with local emergency rooms. CARE peer recovery coaches can now be found at St. John Macomb and Henry Ford Macomb Hospitals, where coaches are onsite to provide screening, brief intervention, and referrals to treatment. Follow up care is also provided to individuals when they leave the emergency department. The evaluation of this service resulted in an excellent review and CARF International noting the significance and importance of this unique program, “The organization’s peer recovery services have rapidly expanded. It provides a large cadre of recovery coaches and offers individuals with lived experience an opportunity to contribute to the persons served needing assistance. A partnership with a local hospital demonstrates an innovate approach to addressing substance misuse and, after a few months of operation, is clearly showing benefits.”

CARE of Southeastern Michigan is looking forward to 2018 as a new year, with new faces, and new hope. "The organization has a vibrant, energetic, enthusiastic staff this is willing to invest in present and future ventures. CARE represents a visionary and mission-driven organization that is providing essential services to those in need," CARF International.

***About CARE of Southeastern Michigan***

*CARE of Southeastern Michigan's mission is to strengthen the resiliency in people and their communities through prevention, education, and services that improve the quality of life. For more information, visit [www.careofsem.com](http://www.careofsem.com)*