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### **Stephen Center, Inc awarded three-year CARF accreditation**

CARF International announced that Stephen Center, Inc. has been accredited for a period of three years for all three of its HERO Programs: Residential Treatment, Intensive Outpatient and Outpatient treatment. This is the first accreditation that the International accrediting body has awarded to Stephen Center, Inc.

This accreditation decision represents the highest level of accreditation that can be awarded to an organization and shows the organization's substantial conformance to CARF standards. An organization receiving a Three-Year Accreditation 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.

CEO Del Bomberger stated "This accreditation shows that it is possible for an organization to provide professional level and internationally acclaimed services to homeless and low-income men and women". Stephen Center believe in providing tier one "best practice" professional services to the homeless, addicted and poor who are the focus of our mission.

#### About CARF

CARF is an independent, nonprofit accrediting body whose Mission is to promote the quality, value and optimal outcomes of services through a consultative accreditation process that centers on enhancing the lives of persons served. Founded in 1966 as the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities, and now known as CARF, the accrediting body established consumer-focused standards to help organizations measure and improve the quality of their programs and services.

#### About Stephen Center

Stephen Center, Inc. has served the homeless and low-income men, women and children in Omaha since 1984. Stephen Center operates three distinct programs: Stephen Center Emergency Shelter, Stephen Center HERO Program and Stephen Center Transitional Living

Program. Stephen Center HERO Program is a state-licensed substance abuse treatment center that serves those with a co-occurring mental illness. It is located at 5217 South 28<sup>th</sup> Street.