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**MRCI receives three-year accreditation from CARF International  
Leading the way with “Exemplary Performance with Innovation”**

Calling the culture strong and the mission moments powerful, surveyors from CARF International have given MRCI the highest accreditation possible as the organization moves forward. This accreditation decision represents the highest level of accreditation that can be given to an organization and shows the organization’s substantial conformance to the CARF standards. An organization receiving a Three-Year Accreditation has put itself through a rigorous peer review process. It has demonstrated to a team of surveyors its commitment to offering programs and services that are measurable, accountable, and of the highest quality.

After a rigorous three-day visit, CARF surveyors noted, “MRCI demonstrated exemplary conformance to the standards. The organization produces outstanding business or clinical results that are innovative, creative and beneficial, and should be shared with the field.”

MRCI is grateful to have CARF recognize their efforts at transforming from a facility-based organization to one that is fully operational out in the community in just under a year.

“It is gratifying to hear the CARF surveyors recognize our efforts in using the opportunities of COVID 19 in a remarkable way,” says CEO Brian Benshoof. “In fact, since March 2020 when we had to stop services for 1,300 clients, we have rebuilt numerous programs and are now re-serving more than 1,000 individuals. We will be able to serve even more as staffing allows.”

**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 and continuous improvement services that center on enhancing the lives of the persons served. Founded in 1966 as the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities, and now known as CARF International, the accrediting body 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). **About MRCI**

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Since 1953, MRCI has been providing innovative and genuine opportunities to individuals with disabilities or disadvantages at home, at work, and in the community.