



# City of Columbus

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## Legislation Text

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To recognize and congratulate St. Stephen's Community House on achieving Accreditation from the Council on Accreditation

**WHEREAS**, for over 90 years, St. Stephen's Community House has provided quality community services to families in the Columbus community; and

**WHEREAS**, St. Stephen's Community House offers vital assistance to individuals and families such as Emergency Services, Child Care, Senior Services and Youth & Family Services; and

**WHEREAS**, the Emergency Services program provides individuals and families with basic material needs such as emergency food, material assistance and situational counseling. In 2008, over 4,000 individuals/families received emergency assistance; and

**WHEREAS**, the St. Stephen's Christ Child-Child Center provides a safe and nurturing environment for children ages 6 weeks to 5 years while engaging children in a quality early care and education programs that fosters their creativity, self-esteem and development. Over 125 children received quality care in 2008; and

**WHEREAS**, through the Elderly Care Program, seniors can maintain self-sufficiency through support services, advocacy and transportation assistance. In 2008, 273 seniors were served through the program; and

**WHEREAS**, Youth & Family Services programs provide help to at-risk youth to better deal with the challenges of growing up and through after school and summer programs, developmental groups and tutoring. In 2008, 363 youth attended the after school and summer programs; and

**WHEREAS**, the Council on Accreditation (COA) identifies providers that have high performance standards and a commitment to delivering the highest quality services possible; and

**WHEREAS**, the COA accreditation process involves a detailed review and analysis of an organization's administrative operations and service delivery practices and measures them against national standards; and

**WHEREAS**, through achieving accreditation, St. Stephen's Community House is now recognized as an outstanding provider and part of the Council on Accreditation's Community of Excellence; now therefore,

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS:**

That this Council does hereby recognize and congratulate St. Stephen's Community House on achieving accreditation and thank the organization for its continued service and commitment to the Columbus community.