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Diane L. Charles,
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Food
Furniture
Housewares
Last Saturday Food
ALIVE! House Shelter
Child Development Center
Family Emergency Program

Agudas Achim Congregation
Alexandria Church of the Nazarene
Alfred Street Baptist Church
Beth El Hebrew Congregation
Beverley Hills Community United
Methodist Church

Blessed Sacrament Catholic Community
Christ Episcopal Church
Church of St. Clement
Church of the Resurrection
Church of God and Saints 16th Tabernacle

Commonwealth Baptist Church Community Praise Center Convergence: A Creative Community of

Faith

Del Ray United Methodist Church

Downtown Baptist Church

Ebenezer Baptist Church

Emmanuel Episcopal Church

Fairlington Presbyterian Church

Fairlington United Methodist Church
First Agape Church
First Baptist Church of Alexandria
First Church of Christ, Scientist
iGood Shepherd Lutheran Church
Grace Episcopal Church
Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill
Meade Memorial Episcopal Church
Old Presbyterian Meeting House

Roberts Memorial United Methodist Church Spiritual Assembly of Baha'is St. Andrews United Methodist Church St. James United Methodist Church St. Joseph's Catholic Church St. Mary's Catholic Church St. Paul's Episcopal Church St. Rita's Catholic Church

Third Baptist Church Trinity United Methodist Church Unitarian Universalist Church of Arlington Victory Temple

Washington Street United Methodist Church Westminster Presbyterian Church Zion Baptist Church

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ALIVE's Child Development Center Receives 4-Star QRIS Rating
Only Program in Alexandria to Receive 4-Star Rating for 3 Consecutive Periods; Ranked
in 95th Percentile

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Alexandria, VA, July 29, 2015 – The ALIVE! Child Development Center (CDC) is excited to announce that it has received a 4-star VSQI rating for the third consecutive rating period. This rating places the CDC in the 95th percentile for high-quality early childhood education programs in Virginia. More impressively, the CDC is the only program in Alexandria to achieve this 4-star rating three consecutive times. Each VSQI Rating is good for a two year period.

"It took effort to earn 4 stars the first time, it took effort and dedication to earn 4 stars twice, but to achieve a 4 star rating three times in a row takes effort, dedication, and teamwork!!!" stated CDC's director, Pam Blankenship.

The Virginia Star Quality Initiative (VSQI) is a voluntary system to assess, improve, and communicate the level of quality in early care and education programs that families consider for their children.—The VSQI is a partnership between the Office of Early Childhood Development and the Virginia Early Childhood Foundation. In Alexandria, participation in VSQI is required for all programs funded by the Virginia Preschool Initiative (VPI). VPI is a state-wide program providing free, high-quality education to at-risk four year-olds who meet eligibility criteria.

Programs that choose to participate are assessed in 4 key quality areas: interactions between teachers and children; qualifications of teachers; structure, including class size and teacher to child ratios; and the program's environment and instruction. Within each area, programs are awarded points which then are added up cumulatively for a rating between one to five stars.

ALIVEI's CDC is dedicated to providing positive learning experiences for children through active exploration of their world while maintaining a safe, healthy, and appropriate environment. A full-day, year-round early education and care, the program has a strong emphasis on developing early literacy as well as math and science skills. Each classroom has a lead teacher and an assistant teacher along with support staff. Teachers have qualified backgrounds in early childhood education. Children receive a nutritious breakfast, lunch, and afternoon snack. A sliding-fee scale is offered based on meeting eligibility requirements. For more information on the Child Development Center, visit www.alive-inc.org/cdc.htm.

About ALIVE!

ALIVE! is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization of volunteers from over 40 religious congregations and the community working together to help those in need in Alexandria, Virginia. Founded in 1969, ALIVE! is the largest private safety net for the needy in the city of Alexandria, addressing short-term to long-term needs for those less fortunate in the community. For more information, visit www.facebook.com/alive4alexandria and on Twitter @ALIVE4AlexVA.