



**ALIVE's Child Development Center Shines in Recent NAEYC Accreditation Renewal
Represents Mark of Quality in Early Childhood Education**

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Alexandria, VA, December 18, 2015 – The ALIVE! Child Development Center (CDC) is pleased to announce it has achieved another five-year term of accreditation from NAEYC (National Association for the Education of Young Children).

"The ALIVE! CDC is dedicated to providing top quality education to Alexandria's very young students. We are so proud of our teachers and their dedication to ensuring the best in early care and education to our children. Our great NAEYC scores reflect the high quality of our program," stated ALIVE!'s Executive Director, Diane Charles.

During this year's NAEYC's accreditation process, ALIVE!'s CDC scored 100 % in nine of the ten program standards that include categories such as relationships, curriculum, teachers, physical environment and leadership/management. NAEYC accredited programs invest in early childhood education because they believe in the benefits to children and families. Early childhood experiences—from birth to age 8—have an enormous impact on children's lifelong learning and positively contribute to their health and development.

The only preschool in the City of Alexandria focusing on low-income working parents, ALIVE!'s Child Development Center 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. 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.alive-inc.org. Follow ALIVE! on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/alive4alexandria> and on Twitter @ALIVE4AlexVA.