



GRANDFATHER HOME FOR CHILDREN

SERVING CHILDREN IN NEED ACROSS NC

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Grandfather Academy Receives NCASES Accreditation

Grandfather Academy has become the only school in North Carolina to be accredited by The National Commission for the Accreditation of Special Education Services (NCASES). The Academy is located on the Hayes Campus in Banner Elk and provides educational services to children served by Grandfather Home for Children and to those in the surrounding community.

“This accreditation is one of the ways that we can demonstrate our desire to meet high-quality standards in education,” said Jim Swinkola, CEO of Grandfather Home for Children. Many areas of the Academy including the administration, program services like day treatment, and financial management were carefully reviewed.

“This achievement illustrates your commitment to providing the highest standards of educational services for students. Grandfather Academy sets a fine example for others in the field to follow,” said Commissioner Chair of NCASES, Dr. Jade Carter.

The NCASES was established in response to a need for special education providers to have an accreditation process that uniquely addresses their programs and the populations they serve. This process recognizes the importance of evaluating services based on their own purpose, objectives and ability to meet the children’s needs.

Grandfather Home for Children helps more than 300 children across North Carolina daily, including 34 residential and several community students enrolled in Grandfather Academy. Children in the care of Grandfather Home have experienced deep hurt and trauma from neglect or abuse.

To learn more about Grandfather Home for Children and how you can be involved, call 828-898-5465 or visit www.grandfatherhome.org.

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(Above) Jasmine, Rachel and Lindsey enjoy working on their science project.