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Dear Mr. Zaucha:

We are pleased to inform you that the Summit County, Ohio Internal Audit Department, is a recipient of the National Association of Local Government Auditors (N.A.L.G.A.) Special Project Award for its report "**Children Services Board Performance Audit Review Report.**"

This prestigious award recognizes the best special project report for special projects performed by a local government audit shop in 2003.

The Award was established in 1998 as an annual recognition program. The Summit County, Ohio Internal Audit Department is one of only three special project activities in the United States and Canada receiving the award for the year.

The award earners received their award plaques May 24, 2004 at the N.A.L.G.A. annual conference in Richmond, Virginia. Recipients will receive recognition in the near future in the June issue of the N.A.L.G.A. Quarterly.

Please accept our sincere congratulation on this accomplishment.

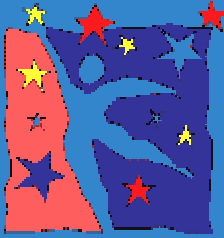
Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sherri Mahoney". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Sherri Mahoney
President



2003 Award for Best Special Project



Small-size Shop:

Summit County, Ohio Internal Audit Department *Children Services Board Performance Audit Review Report*



The judges commented that this work and the resulting report provided an example of how an audit office can work effectively in a politically charged environment and add value to its community so that a very important and critical service can be improved. The Internal Audit Department was responsible for performing analyses for the Panel, working closely with the Child Welfare League of America, and integrating the results of this work, their analyses, and interviews of key personnel into a final report. The report in and of itself demonstrates the complexity of this effort.