

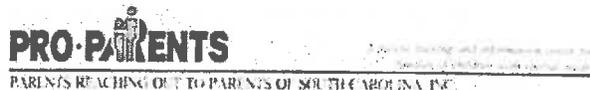
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March 26, 2013

Tony Keck
Director
SC Department of Health and Human Services
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Dear Mr. Keck,

Through the generosity of the United Way of the Midlands, PRO-Parents and Family Connection of SC have been discussing integration of the two organizations for the past two years. We wanted to take this opportunity to update you on the progress. As of January, both Boards of Directors have agreed to move forward with the integration.

With the integration, we can better serve our SC families with children with disabilities and/or special healthcare needs and increase the capacity to serve those families. We are very grateful to the many stakeholders, employees and other individuals who have offered their support, guidance and expertise in this process. Next steps include staff, both boards and executive directors to formalize a solid integration plan and legal proceedings to become one non-profit. The same excellent programs and services will continue throughout this process. This is an exciting time for our state as we seek better ways to serve families and the professionals that work with our children and families.

We look forward to formally announcing a full integration in the near future, and we plan to have a celebration that we want you to be part of. We will certainly keep our families and stakeholders informed. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Mary Eaddy or Jackie Richards.

Sincerely,

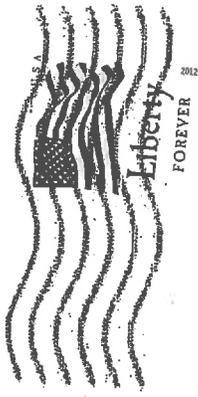
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