

*"The Center for Community Solutions was honored to be awarded the Ohio Nonprofits' Standards of Excellence seal in 2004. In today's environment, it is more important than ever for nonprofits to be able to show accountability and integrity in matters related to both fiscal and program operations. While the application process can be challenging, it is a beneficial endeavor as it forces an organization to look at itself honestly and identify areas in which it needs to improve. We recommend that all nonprofits take the time to do such introspection. The real beneficiary is the community."*

Gregory L. Brown  
Executive Director & President  
The Center for Community Solutions

*"OANO is a well-respected and expertly-led organization and we knew that the guidance and direction they would provide through the process of assessment and certification would be extremely valuable. We were right! Both our staff and volunteer leaders gained increased understanding of the operations of our organization, took responsibility for enhancing areas that could benefit from improvement and took pride in the fact that PBO valued this level of self assessment to the point of making change to strive for the highest standards."*

Sherry Williams  
Executive Director  
Prevent Blindness Ohio

*"With the heightened sensitivity to ethics and accountability due to Sarbanes-Oxley, we take every opportunity to communicate our attainment of the Standards (highlighted in grant proposals, logo on business cards and stationary etc) any time we can. In addition to the marketing benefits, working to obtain the Standards was a healthy exercise that engaged board and staff in a top to bottom review of policies and procedures benchmarked against best practices."*

William J Dolan  
CEO  
Children's Hunger Alliance

*"The certification process has greatly prepared us to be compliant with the Sarbanes-Oxley Act, should the requirements of that initiative ever be extended to nonprofit organizations. Grant-makers will have confidence in allocating their resources to the ministries of our organization, our stakeholders consider our systems and procedures to have utmost integrity and ethics and our internal procedures and governance now have a significant validation."*

David Roberts  
President/CEO  
Lutheran Homes Society

*"When we provide information about Oriana House and the programs and services we offer to the public, other non-profit organizations, business and community partners, potential funding sources, or the media, the OANO Standards for Excellence certification is an impressive distinction that we are honored to display."*

James Lawrence  
President/CEO  
Oriana House

