

New Jersey Nonprofit Releases Greenbuild Application for Corporate Partnerships

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January 21, 2011- (Princeton, NJ) Community Options, a national nonprofit organization that develops homes and employment for people with disabilities will be working in partnership with Hopewell Township to develop the first green, sustainable group home for people with disabilities in New Jersey.

The organization is working to partner with corporations who have a mission of providing sustainable products and building materials for the purposes of providing in-kind sponsorship towards the development of the home. Companies that partner with Community Options will have the opportunity to have their company name marketed nationwide while at the same time providing much needed supplies and products for the building of this home.

Recently, this project was deemed worthy of a grant through the Housing and Urban Development body that funds affordable housing projects across the country. The grant will permit the development of a group home for four persons with developmental disabilities. The home will be of a one-story design and will provide supportive services to assist the residents to live independently.

Plans call for the construction of this home to be LEED for Homes certified. The Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Green Building Rating System, developed by the U.S. Green Building Council, which provides standards for environmentally sustainable construction. The Project architecture and construction is being managed by Princeton Design Guild (PDG). Environmentally friendly from start to finish, additional project details call for the disassembly of an existing large barn, relocation and renovation of a smaller barn, dismantling of the original farm house and construction of a new sustainable Community Options home.

The organization is accepting applications from companies until March of 2011. Applications can be found at <http://www.comop.org/greenbuild.html>. For more information about Community Options, please visit www.comop.org.

About Community Options:

Community Options is a national nonprofit organization founded in 1989 by Robert Stack that works to develop homes and employment for people with disabilities. Community Options operates in 37 cities across 10 states supporting thousands of people with disabilities and their families with the help of over 2,500 employees.

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