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### **35th District Senator Nellie Pou Visits Community Options' Group Home In Haledon**

PRINCETON, NJ – On Monday, November 18, 35th District Senator Nellie Pou visited a Community Options' group home in Haledon, NJ.

"I applaud Community Options on behalf of their clients, for providing them with a safe and secure family environment to call home," said 35<sup>th</sup> District Senator Nellie Pou. "The significant value of their services is clearly recognized, as they truly give their clients a sense of independence in a community setting.

"I thank the Executive Director Tracy Mendola for inviting me to visit the Haledon home, as it was a rewarding experience to see their services first hand."

The house visited by Senator Pou is home to 3 individuals, one of whom has been receiving services from Community Options for 20 years. The home was purchased by Community Options in 1995.

Community Options is thankful for the support of 35th District Senator Nellie Pou.

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For nearly 25 years, Community Options has developed housing and employment programs for people with disabilities. Currently the 8<sup>th</sup> largest non-profit in New Jersey, Community Options operates with a budget over \$96 million and serves thousands of people with disabilities through 38 offices across 8 states. Providing advocacy assistance to empower people with disabilities, Community Options believes that all people –regardless of disability level – should live and work in the community with dignity, choice, and self-determination. A registered PVO with USAID, Community Options is also the pioneer of innovative programs for people with disabilities in the Middle East, Russia, and South America. Please visit our website at [www.comop.org](http://www.comop.org).

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