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Governor Nikki Haley Visits Community Options, Inc. Group Home

Columbia, South Carolina – On Tuesday, November 5, Governor Nikki Haley visited a Community Options' group home on Beacon Hill Road in Columbia, SC.

"It was an honor to tour the Community Options' home in Columbia," said Governor Haley. "They offer quality care and provide adults with special needs the opportunity to live an independent life style. We will continue to support these kinds of services for individuals with disabilities."

For nearly 25 years, Community Options has developed housing and employment programs for people with disabilities. Community Options opened its administrative, program and fund raising office in Columbia in 2007. Under the management of South Carolina Executive Director, Dot Goodwin, Community Options has opened 10 small group homes in the Columbia area in addition to its first home in Greenville.

In 2012, Community Options opened the Beacon Hill group home. Three people moved into the home from state-operated regional centers.

The home was purchased with a combination of Capital funding through the Department of Disabilities and Special Needs and the Housing Trust Fund through the Housing Authority, for the purpose of moving individuals from institutional settings into community residences.

Robert Stack, Founder, President and CEO of Community Options is proud to have Governor Nikki Haley visit our residents at our Beacon Hill home.

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For nearly 25 years, Community Options has developed housing and employment programs for people with disabilities. Currently the 8th 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.

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