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## **Community Options Opens First Group Home in Harrisburg for People with Disabilities**

PRINCETON, NJ – (August 28, 2014) Two individuals with disabilities in the Harrisburg, PA area will have a new home to call their own as Community Options, Inc. has opened their first group home in Harrisburg.

“After 15 years developing services in Eastern and Western Pennsylvania, we are privileged to start working with Dauphin County Intellectual Disabilities Services in the heart of Pennsylvania,” said Brian Dion, Regional Director of Pennsylvania for Community Options.

The home will be the new dwelling of Cody and Kayvone. Cody currently works at the Goodwill store. He already loves his new home because of the friendly atmosphere, his nice TV and having his own room. He gets along really well with his housemate, Kayvone. Kayvone will be a senior in high school for this upcoming year. Kayvone loves to meet new people and also loves the TV him and Cody share. Kayvone likes to go down to the local barber shop to get his haircut, but most importantly he loves the simple fact that it is his home.

The Harrisburg home will operate under Community Options’ York, PA office, which opened a year ago. There are five other homes in the York, PA area, provided by Community Options, which support people with disabilities. Community Options supports 118 individuals with disabilities in the state of Pennsylvania.

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For over 25 years, Community Options has developed housing and employment programs for people with disabilities. Currently the 5<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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