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## **Community Options Purchases First Home in Santa Fe**

PRINCETON, NJ, OCTOBER 13, 2015 – Four individuals recently moved into their new home in Santa Fe. The four-bedroom house, located at 7205 Rio del Luna, is the first house owned by Community Options in Santa Fe.

The residents have settled in and are all very proud of their new home.

"The first time our residents saw this house, they walked into a home, not just a house with empty rooms," said Santa Fe Executive Director Bill Wagner.

This transition was made easier thanks to the generous contributions of time and resources from former Community Options Board Chairman Tim O'Donoghue and his wife Kate Flanagan. Tim's skills and Kate's decorating talents allowed them to create an environment where one could walk in and feel at home immediately.

The transition was completed after staff, volunteers, and a U-Haul truck spent the day moving each individual and their possessions into their new home. Having endured multiple moves over the years, each individual finally has a home where they are happy and comfortable for as long as they want.

Esther, mother of one of our 41-year-old residents, phoned Bill Wagner that day.

"I was overcome with tears of joy knowing that my son has a place like that to call home with staff that cares so much for him."

Community Options continues to work throughout all regions to help all families find housing for their loved ones.

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## **About Community Options**

For over 25 years, Community Options has developed housing and employment programs for people with disabilities. Community Options operates with a budget over \$107 million and serves thousands of people with disabilities through 38 offices across 9 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 <a href="https://www.comop.org">www.comop.org</a>.