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Eight Atlas Corps Leaders Join Community Options for Year-Long Fellowship

PRINCETON, NJ, SEPTEMBER 28, 2015 – Community Options, a national nonprofit dedicated to supporting people with intellectual and developmental disabilities, is pleased to announce it has partnered with Atlas Corp. Fellows from around the world will be working in eight Community Options' offices.

Some of the goals for the eight Atlas Corps fellows will include identifying funding resources and develop relationships with foundations at the local, state and federal levels, strategic support in marketing, fundraising, and other administrative and public awareness projects, assisting in the daily oversight of the individuals supported medical needs, establishing new employment programs and developing training programs for new employees.

The fellows are Alier Martin Garang Anyoun from South Sudan, Arpine Porsughyan from Armenia, Bethel TesfyeTekle from Ethiopia, Isam Mohamed from Sudan, Maya Toncheva Guevska from Bulgaria, Mizanur Rahman Kiron from Bangladesh, Muhyi Eldeen Salih Homeida Salih from Sudan and Mustafa Barood from Sudan.

Atlas Corps connects leading social change organizations with experienced professionals from around the world for a yearlong fellowship designed to strengthen organizations, develop leaders and foster innovation. Atlas Corps Fellows are leaders in their home countries with 2 to 10 years of professional experience; they speak fluent English, and 65% hold post-graduate degrees (e.g., MD, JD, PhD, MBA, etc.). This highly competitive fellowship program receives over 3000 leaders from 300 countries applied for 90 placements – a 3.0% acceptance rate. Learn more about Atlas Corps at www.atlascorps.org.

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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 www.comop.org.