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Community Options Partners with Trenton Thunder for Third-Year Fundraiser

PRINCETON, NJ -- Community Options Inc.'s School to Employment Program (STEP) of Mercer County, NJ hosted its annual Trenton Thunder night for the third year in a row on Thursday, August 18 at Arm & Hammer Park in Trenton, NJ. The funds raised from the game will help further enhance the STEP program.

STEP is a job training program for young adults with developmental disabilities, who are transitioning from school to the workforce. Community Options provides unpaid internships for the participants, where they work side by side with a highly trained job coach who trains them in the necessary skills to eventually maintain competitive and meaningful employment in the local community. STEP has successfully mitigated the risks associated with the underemployment of people with disabilities by consistently preparing, training, and placing participating participants in meaningful jobs.

“Teaming up with Trenton Thunder for the past 3 years has given the STEP family the opportunity to come together for a fun night to celebrate the accomplishments of our participants and the tireless efforts of our supportive staff,” said STEP Director Meghan Hunter.

STEP Participant Brian Vignapiano threw out the ceremonial first pitch at the game. The 24-year-old has volunteered with the STEP Program for the past three years. He loves working at the University Medical Center of Princeton at Plainsboro. Brian loves rollerblading, swimming, airplanes and sports.

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About Community Options, Inc.:

For over 25 years, Community Options has developed housing and employment programs for people with disabilities – serving thousands of people through 38 offices across 10 states. Community Options provides advocacy assistance to empower people with disabilities because all people – regardless of ability level – should live and work in the community with dignity, choice and self-determination.

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