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Community Options Arizona Receives Grant Sundt Foundation

Community Options, Inc. in Tucson, AZ was awarded a grant on Monday, February 01, 2016 by the Sundt Foundation to support the organization's mission of developing housing and employment supports for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Funding from this award will be used to begin a School-to-Employment Program (STEP) in Tucson, AZ.

Community Options, Inc. (COI) was founded in 1989 by Robert Stack from his kitchen table. COI is a national organization that operates across 10 states and provides housing and employment supports for thousands of people with disabilities.

The grant was awarded as part of Sundt Foundation's grant program to make a meaningful impact on the lives of disadvantaged children and adults. Funding for this foundation comes primarily from contributions made by employees of Sundt Construction, Inc. and matched by the company.

"We couldn't be more excited about The School to Employment Program in Tucson and feel this will open doors for students with disabilities to receive work-based training and obtain competitive, integrated employment," said Wendy Mahan, Executive Director of Community Options Tucson, AZ offices. "We are grateful to the Sundt Foundation for this opportunity."

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"As newcomers to the Arizona area, we are grateful to have partners like the Sundt Foundation to make us feel at home," said Community Options CEO and President, Robert Stack. "We are extremely grateful for their donation to help us build something special for the Tucson region. We look forward to working with them well into the future."

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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 \$112 million and serves thousands of people with disabilities through 38 offices across 10 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.