



Join Cupid's Chase 5K for a good cause in Morris County

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The Morris County Board of Freeholders has proclaimed Saturday, Feb. 13, as Cupid's Chase 5K Race Day in Morris County in support of an annual fundraising effort by non-profit Community Options in support of people with disabilities.

The mid-winter running event will take place on Valentine's Day weekend in Morristown starting at 10 a.m. on Feb. 13.

"Community Options is already making a difference by providing residential and employment support to people with intellectual disabilities, autism, physical disabilities, traumatic brain injuries and dual diagnoses," said Freeholder Director Kathy DeFillippo. The Morris County Board of Chosen Freeholders welcomes all who are coming to Morristown and to Morris County for this outstanding event."

"Community Options invites runners, walkers, and rollers in wheelchairs and baby strollers to help raise for that can make a difference in the lives of people with disabilities by participating in the Cupid's Chase 5K," added Svetlana Repic-Qira, New Jersey Regional vice president for Community Options, told the freeholders.

Repic-Qira was joined at the freeholder meeting by Tracy Mendola, Community Options' executive director for Morris County, Christina Mazza, media-events coordinator for Community Options, and client Ben Pedersen of Boonton, and his father, Buddy Pedersen.

Community Options is a nonprofit agency that works to provide housing, support services and advocacy assistance for people with disabilities nationwide.

Community Options, which is based in Princeton and has offices in Morristown, believes that all people – regardless of disability level – should live and work in the community with dignity, choice, and self-determination.

Cupid's Chase 5K is an annual event sponsored by Community Options to raise funds and awareness for their mission of dignity and choice for those with disabilities. The very first Cupid's Chase 5K took place in 2009, with more than 600 participants in Princeton, and was so successful that Community Options decided to make it a national event.

This year, it will be held in 30 towns and cities across the nation, including Morristown, and also Glen Rock, New Brunswick, Pennsauken, Princeton, and Seaside Heights in New Jersey.

For more event information, visit tinyurl.com/zswvvnh. For information on disability services in Morris County, visit morriscountynj.gov/hs/disabled.

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