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Valley National Bank Donates \$10,000 to Nonprofit Community Optio

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From L to R: Steve Vitale, First VP and Team Leader of Commercial Banking of Valley National Bank; Robert Stack, President and CEO of Community Options, Inc.; Steve Bearse, VP and Territory Sales Manager of Valley National Bank.

PRINCETON, NJ (December 29, 2015) – On Tuesday, repr Valley National Bank presented Community Options, Inc. wit of \$10,000. The money will go directly towards building a n Ribbon Academy in Hillsborough, NJ. Community Options f CEO, Robert Stack, graciously accepted the gift from Steve VP and Team Leader of Commercial Banking, and Steve Be Territory Sales Manager, at the nonprofit's headquarters in I Vitale and Bearse recently took a tour of the first Red Ribbo located in Wayne, NJ.

Community Options opened the Red Ribbon Academy in M: is the first organization in New Jersey that aids adult indivi the most severe, medically fragile disabilities in a way that fr and progress. The building is tailored specifically for people medical needs. It is completely accessible, containing thera special sensory environments for persons with profound inte disabilities and medical needs. A wide array of therapeutic and recreational activities is availa and increase mental acuity and maximize their physical ability. These activities nurture friends interest in life, and provide opportunities for creativity.

Valley National Bank has generously donated to Community Options in the past; helping fund largest fundraiser, Cupid's Chase 5K. Their donation will aid the startup costs of the new Re Academy as well as provide equipment for the sensory room.

Community Options is targeting a Spring 2016 opening for the Hillsborough location. Red Ril is open to anyone who qualifies for services under the NJ Division for Developmental Disabili transportation provided to and from the Academy.

Based out of Princeton, NJ, Community Options is a national nonprofit organization dedicatec housing and employment support to people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

About Community Options

For over 25 years, Community Options has developed housing and employment programs for disabilities. Community Options operates with a budget over \$112 million and serves thousan with disabilities through 38 offices across 10 states. Providing advocacy assistance to empov disabilities, Community Options believes that all people –regardless of disability level – shoul in the community with dignity, choice, and self?determination. A registered PVO with USAID, (Options is also the pioneer of innovative programs for people with disabilities in the Middle E: and South America. Please visit our website at www.comop.org.

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