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## **Long-Time Cookeville Advocate to Help Lead Nonprofit Into New Era**

PRINCETON, NJ - Effective this week, national nonprofit organization Community Options promoted Jeanette Preece from Associate Executive Director to Executive Director of their Cookeville, TN offices.

Jeanette has been with Community Options since September 2006. She started as a Quality Assurance Coordinator and was promoted to Associate Executive Director 3 years ago.

“Jeanette provides strong leadership to our Cookeville operation and continues to expand our services in Putnam county and surrounding areas,” said Karen Hensley, Regional VP of Community Options’ offices in Kentucky, South Carolina and Tennessee. “She is a trusted and experienced leader and has earned the next step in her role as Executive Director.”

Preece holds an Associate of Science degree from Volunteer State University and a Bachelor’s of Science in Sociology from Tennessee Tech University. Before coming to Community Options, Jeanette worked with the Genesis House domestic and sexual violence intervention program, totaling 20 years of experience in the nonprofit field.

Her husband John of 32 years assists Community Options by building ramps and repairing doors for homes and pitching in to the nonprofit’s annual, national 5K, Cupid’s Chase.

“Becoming the Executive Director gives me a greater opportunity to advocate for persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD). It recognizes my commitment to achieve higher levels of services to the IDD population, therefore creating happy, healthier and safer environments and lives,” said Preece, a Tomahawk, KY native and one of 13 siblings.

Community Options currently supports 17 individuals in the residential Cookeville area.

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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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