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In Just Over a Year, Community Options Makes a Big Difference in Arizona Community

PRINCETON, NJ (**January 4, 2017**) - Arizona is known for welcoming innovation. Innovation ranges from complex technology firms to innovative nonprofits.

Wendy Johnson is more than a mom with twins. She is the first Executive Director of Arizona for Community Options, a national nonprofit organization that has a long history of pioneering services for individuals with disabilities using the latest innovative methods and models. Community Options has bought their first home in Tucson to provide housing support to people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. It is a beautiful home with tasteful furniture and a lovely fenced in back yard.

For the past year, Wendy has been working to find employment at local businesses for the individuals supported by Community Options. She was awarded a small grant from a local foundation to help with these services. As she noticed that there are adults who live with elderly parents who can no longer care for their loved one, Wendy approached the national Community Options board for funding and support from their Princeton, NJ office. The board approved, which has since resulted in an expansion of the reach and quality of services in Tucson.

Spanning three decades of opening new paths in services, employment and housing for people with disabilities, Community Options has been providing support in Texas, New Mexico and several other states. Community Options hopes that this new home in Tucson will enable four people with intellectual disabilities to live close to their families and maintain quality of life while receiving support from Wendy's well-trained professional staff.

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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 39 offices across 11 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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