

Corpus Christi Nonprofit set to Open First Group Home Serving People with Developmental Disabilities from the Corpus Christi State School

Corpus Christi, Texas, April 17, 2009: Community Options, Inc. is a nonprofit organization that develops community-based housing and innovative employment supports for people with developmental disabilities. The Corpus Christi operation of Community Options opened in February 2009 and is set to open its first group home on May 20, 2009. The group home will be supporting 3 people with developmental disabilities from the Corpus Christi State School. The Corpus Christi operation is supported by a national organization that has been developing housing and employment supports for over twenty years.

"We are very excited to open our first group home in Corpus Christi," says Diana Ortega, Executive Director of Community Options, Inc. " We are also set to open two other group homes during the summer of 2009 to support more individuals from the Corpus Christi State School," added Ortega.

Community Options is a community-based provider leading the way that services are administered to people with disabilities and completely revolutionizing standards of care and best practices. Services are funded under the Home and Community Based Waiver Services offered through the Department of Aging and Disability Services (DADS).

Robert Stack, President and CEO of Community Options has dedicated his life's work to moving people out of institutions across the country. "We all need to build a responsive system that has the capacity to provide services in a timely fashion to all persons with developmental disabilities needing and requiring services and supports," says Stack. "Currently, Texas spends a disproportionate amount of funding on costly institutional care; our continued support and over reliance on institutional care has outpaced our resources with escalating costs each year. We need to reduce our reliance on institutional care while strengthening community support services," stated Stack.

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