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## **20 Year Old Nonprofit to Ring Opening Bell at the New York Stock Exchange**

*Celebrating 20 Years of Dedicated Support Services to the Developmentally Disabled*

**New York, January 12, 2009:** To kick off the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration, Community Options, Inc., a Princeton based national nonprofit, will ring the Opening Bell at the New York Stock Exchange on Wednesday, January 14, 2009. Community Options, Inc. is a national nonprofit organization that has been providing residential and employment support to people with developmental disabilities for twenty years.

With 22 regional offices throughout New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Kentucky, Tennessee, Texas and New Mexico, Community Options has remained vigilant in its founding mission and cause- to develop housing and employment opportunities for people with developmental disabilities. Community Options currently employs 2,500 Direct Support Professionals, Management and Administrative staff throughout the country. We are currently supporting over 1,500 people with developmental disabilities in inclusive communities and competitive employment.

The Board of Directors of Community Options including Robert Stack, Founder, President and CEO, Svetlana Repic-Qira, Dr. Clarence York, Frank Zak, Peter Dulligan, Thomas Burdick, Bright Rajaratnam, Tim Dunigan, Paul Hritz, Tim Carden, Howard Maher and Rebecca Bugaj Zak will all be in attendance on Wednesday to participate in the ceremony of ringing the opening bell.

Community Options is the nation's fastest growing nonprofit organization supporting people with developmental disabilities and while this growth is substantial, the quality of our supports is never compromised. Community Options provides the highest level of quality support and innovation in all program design.

As Community Options moves into its 20<sup>th</sup> year of dedicated service, there are many events coming up that would behoove the public, advocates, families and professionals to participate in. May 13-15<sup>th</sup> is our 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference in Princeton, New Jersey which will highlight and coordinate a national symposium of our accomplishments over the past 20 years. Our Annual Gala will be held on Friday, May 15, 2009 at Drumthwacket (NJ Governor's Mansion) in Princeton, NJ.

To learn more about us and to join us on our journey of supporting people with developmental disabilities, please visit us on the web at [www.comop.org](http://www.comop.org).

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