



Mary Pat Christie (ctr)
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Mary Pat Christie, First Lady of New Jersey, to Chair National 5K Run

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[Community Options](#) is a nationally based nonprofit with the mission of developing housing and employment for people with disabilities since 1989. This year, the board of trustees of Community Options designed their major fund raiser to promote awareness of the organization's cause as well as raise much-needed money for programming. Community Options will hold the Cupid's Chase 5K Run and has recruited Mary Pat Christie to be the national Chair.

The Cupid's Chase 5K Run is the largest simultaneous national run held by any nonprofit in the country. Held in 24 locations on the same day and same time, Community Options will gain the support of over 14,000 people across the country on February 12, 2011 when the run is set to take place. Each city has a local chairperson and this year, Community Options has the honor of having the First Lady of New Jersey, Mary Pat Christie as the Honorary National Chair of all 24 5K's taking place across the country.

The First Lady will work with Community Options to ensure a successful 5K and that awareness is raised about the excellent work the organization is doing to improve the lives of people with disabilities across the country. The Cupid's Chase 5K Run will take place in Manhattan, Syracuse, Binghamton, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Princeton, Glen Rock, Stone Harbor, Columbia, Bowling Green, Paducah, Nashville, Chattanooga, Cookeville, Hartford, El Paso, Amarillo, Dallas, Corpus Christi, San Antonio, Chicago, Santa Fe, Albuquerque and Las Cruces.

"We are both honored and humbled that the First Lady of New Jersey, Mary Pat Christie, has agreed to Chair the Community Options' Cupid's Chase," said Robert Stack, President and CEO of Community Options. "We hope to promote greater corporate social responsibility among businesses across the country while raising awareness of our cause and contributing to an overall greater sense of self-worth," he added.

For more information about Community Options and the Cupid's Chase 5K Run, please visit them at www.comop.org or www.comop.org/cupidschase. Follow the organization on [Facebook](#), or follow them on Twitter at COINATIONAL.

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