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**Judy Woodruff to Deliver Keynote Advocating for People with Disabilities**

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**September 7, 2010 (National Distribution)-** Community Options, Inc. a national nonprofit organization that has been developing homes and employment for people with disabilities since 1989, will be holding its 5<sup>th</sup> Annual iMatter Conference on September 27, 2010- September 30, 2010.

The “Advocacy – Connect. Share. Live,” national conference will be taking place at the W Hotel in Dallas. The conference will be the culmination of a years worth of work by parent groups the organization has assembled across the country to increase access and resources for children with disabilities.

The conference keynotes are made up of award-winning journalists, celebrities and state and federal officials who are true advocates for people with disabilities.



The opening keynote of the conference is Judy Woodruff. For 12 years, Woodruff served as anchor and senior correspondent for CNN, anchoring the weekday political program, "Inside Politics." Woodruff also played a central role in the network's political coverage and other major news stories. At PBS from 1983 to 1993, she was the chief Washington correspondent for The MacNeil/Lehrer NewsHour. From 1984-1990, she also anchored PBS' award-winning weekly documentary series, "Frontline with Judy Woodruff."

“As the mother of a son with physical disabilities -- I appreciate the mission of Community Options, to help individuals like Jeff find a place to live as normally as possible, and a job that allows him to be a contributing member of society, which is what he and so many others like him, want,” says Woodruff.

The organization is thrilled to offer to conference participants the knowledge and wisdom of Woodruff who has been an advocate for people with disabilities for decades.

Robert Stack, President and CEO has been a loyal follower of Woodruff since the inception of Community Options. “The parents, staff and people with disabilities we support are so lucky to be hearing and learning from this icon. She is an inspiration to me and a role model for all of us,” says Stack.

Woodruff will be delivering her keynote on Monday, September 27, 2010 at 9:15 at the W Hotel in Dallas. To receive a press pass for this event, please contact Jessica Guberman at [jessica.guberman@comop.org](mailto:jessica.guberman@comop.org).

For more information about Community Options and the conference, please visit them at [www.comop.org](http://www.comop.org) or [www.comop.org/conference](http://www.comop.org/conference). Follow the organization on Facebook, or follow them on Twitter at COINATIONAL.