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Princeton Mayor Liz Lempert Visits Home Donated to Community Options

PRINCETON, NJ – (November 10, 2014) On Friday, November 7, the mayor of Princeton, Liz Lempert, visited a home donated to Community Options on North Harrison Street.

Lempert met with resident, Vanessa. They discussed the Hunger Games books and Vanessa mentioned the award she won at Option Quest. Option Quest is a Community Options program that provides community activities for people are not presently interested in competitive employment. The goal of the program is to exhibit the different jobs that exist in the local area, develop social skills and match people with volunteer or part time work.

Lempert also praised Vanessa for her volunteer work she has done while at Option Quest, specifically her dedication to the Meals on Wheels program.

“I am so glad to have toured the Community Options group home in Princeton and to see first hand how they are helping individuals with disabilities to lead fulfilling lives,” said Princeton mayor Liz Lempert. “The staff was caring and dedicated, as were the residents, who were rightly proud of the volunteer work they were able to do on behalf of the community. The Princeton community will continue to work to make housing affordable for people with disabilities.”

In 2010, the town of Princeton donated the house on North Harrison Street. The building was originally a one-story home with two bedrooms. Community Options, Inc., renovated it and opened it in May 2012, using a 0% loan from the Housing and Mortgage Finance Agency.

Community Options is dedicated to providing housing and employment support to people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Community Options is thankful for the support of Princeton mayor Liz Lempert.

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For over 25 years, Community Options has developed housing and employment programs for people with disabilities. Currently the 5th largest non-profit in New Jersey, Community Options operates with a budget over \$96 million and serves thousands of people with disabilities through 38 offices across 8 states. Providing advocacy assistance to empower people with disabilities, Community Options believes that all people –regardless of disability level – should live and work in the community with dignity, choice, and self-determination. A registered PVO with USAID, Community Options is also the pioneer of innovative programs for people with disabilities in the Middle East, Russia, and South America. Please visit our website at www.comop.org.

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