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New Jersey Professional to Lead Community Options' Chattanooga Office

PRINCETON, NJ – Recently, national nonprofit Community Options named Gary Kummer its Executive Director of Chattanooga, TN office.

“I’m happy to welcome Gary into the Community Options family,” said Community Options Regional Vice President of Kentucky and Tennessee, William Blank. “Gary has dedicated his professional life to supporting individuals with disabilities through numerous years of related experience in a myriad of roles.”

Over the last 20 years, Kummer has worked in various facets of the field’s services; residential, direct support professional in homes, job coach, supported employment. Kummer graduated from Ramapo College in 1997 with a bachelor’s degree in Social Work.

“When you get into the regular habit of treating both staff and individuals served with dignity and respect in every interaction, great things always happen,” said Kummer. “I look forward to the opportunity to provide our individuals with the best possible care.”

Kummer most recently worked in New Jersey at a nonprofit overseeing employment and residential services. The organization served 100 individuals at 18 homes, two supervised apartments and seven supervised living programs. He also oversaw four adult training centers that served 240 individuals and a supported employment program that provided opportunities to 60 individuals at community job sites.

The Community Options’ Chattanooga office oversees nine homes in support of 17 individuals.

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About Community Options, Inc.:

For 28 years, Community Options has developed housing and employment programs for people with disabilities – serving thousands of people through over 40 offices across 11 states. Community Options provides advocacy assistance to empower people with disabilities because all people – regardless of ability level – should live and work in the community with dignity, choice and self-determination. For more information please visit our website: www.comop.org and to follow along with the ComOpCares campaign, search #ComOpCares on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.