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Community Options Celebrates Opening of 500th Home

PRINCETON, NJ – Community Options, a non-profit organization that provides residential and employment services to people with developmental disabilities, today announced the opening of its 500th home.

“This is an extraordinary milestone for us,” said Robert Stack, President and Chief Executive Officer. “It shows our commitment towards advancing our mission to provide community-based housing and employment supports for persons with disabilities. This is a testament to the hard work and dedication of our staff, as well as the generosity of our supporters. We expect to continue this momentum as we enter 2018 to further expand our services.”

Community Options had humble beginnings in Bordentown, New Jersey. In 1991, in order to make the first two payroll payments, Mr. Stack mortgaged his home. Today, the organization operates with a budget in excess of \$170 million with homes and entrepreneurial businesses nationwide while serving over 2,500 individuals and their families.

One of the businesses operated in New Jersey is Vaseful, a full-service florist in Edison that employs 12 people with autism and other developmental disabilities. Community Options expects a second Vaseful location to open in the next year.

“We are very excited with the success of our flower store in Edison and thanks to the donation of over \$100,000, we remain excited as we prepare to open our second flower store in Princeton,” said Andrew Park, Managing Director for Community Options Enterprises. “The employees at Vaseful are taught invaluable skills in a community-based setting that will prepare them for future employment opportunities they choose to pursue.”

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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.