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Community Options Names Former Princeton Mayor Marchand to Board

PRINCETON, NJ – Community Options has recently named Phyllis L. Marchand to the board of trustees for Community Options Enterprises.

Community Options Enterprises operates several innovative programs as well as entrepreneurial businesses that successfully integrate people with disabilities into the workforce.

Marchand served 23 years as an elected official in Princeton Township, and for 12 years as Mayor before retiring in 2009. She recently joined the Community Options board to augment production of their new Princeton VASEFUL flower store slated to open on Witherspoon Street in the fall.

“As one of its longest-serving elected officials, Phyllis Marchand is ‘Princeton’. Her numerous contributions to the community serving on boards and committees, donating her time to a variety of organizations serves as a role model for what one person in a position of leadership can achieve, while working together with others making a difference to many,” said Philip Lian, Chairman of the Board of Community Options Enterprises, Inc. “We look forward to Phyllis’ active participation on our board.”

“Community Options has a stellar reputation for helping people with various disabilities become productive and engaged members of the community by providing various programs in employment training and hands on job opportunities,” said Marchand. “What a wonderful way to help these individuals and enhance our society! I am honored to play a role in this mission in Princeton and beyond.”

One of Community Options Enterprises’ innovative programs is the Red Ribbon Academy, located in Wayne and Hillsborough, NJ, which supports adults who have the most fragile medical disabilities in a way that fosters growth and progress. Community Options also has three businesses that provide individuals retail, management and customer service skills. Presents of Mind is a unique gift shop in Flanders, NJ. The Daily Plan It is a complete office, conference and copy center with locations in Morristown, Moorestown and Princeton, NJ. Vaseful, located in Edison, NJ, is flower shop that offers high quality floral services and delivery to anywhere in the world.

Marchand was appointed by the Legislature and Governor to the Delaware and Raritan (D&R) Canal Commission and is a former Commissioner. Mayor Marchand led in state affairs as President of both the New Jersey League of Municipalities and the New Jersey Association for Elected Women Officials. Recognized as “Elected Official of the Year” by the New Jersey Municipal Managers Association.

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About Community Options, Inc.:

For over 30 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.