

## **Community Options Alumnus Angelique Rajski Parashis Returns to Head Nonprofit's Mission Advancement**

PRINCETON, NJ (August 30, 2018) – In September, Angelique Rajski Parashis will return to Community Options as Vice President of Mission Advancement.

“We are excited to welcome Angelique back to the Community Options family,” said Robert Stack, President and CEO of Community Options, a national nonprofit that provides residential and employment supports to individuals with development and intellectual disabilities. “She returns with tremendous experience in capital campaigns, major gifts, public relations, organizational management and strategic development. I am very excited and confident in her abilities and business acumen, to drive our mission, ethics and to work diligently.”

Rajski Parashis previously worked for Community Options from 2010-2012, where she served as the Director of Special Events and Major Gifts. In that role, she was responsible for Cupid's Chase 5K Run, other special events, as well as, securing funds to reach the organization's fundraising goals.

A New Jersey native, Rajski Parashis possesses nearly 20 years of fundraising and project management experience, mostly in the political world and nonprofit sector. Most recently, she has been successful in managing complex, nationwide large scale projects at the Institute of Electronics and Electrical Engineers (IEEE). At IEEE, she served as the Capital Campaign Manager for their IEEE Power & Energy Society (PES) Scholarship Plus Initiative, which raised \$2.75 million within approximately two years. She later managed the IEEE Smart Grid and IEEE Smart Cities Initiatives and eventually IEEE PES Technical Activities. In these roles, she cultivated and maximized community and corporate relationships, by utilizing existing talent within the organization, as well as externally with hundreds of volunteers. She has worked on multiple levels with a wide variety of constituencies to implement programs and processes to facilitate change when required. Prior to her nonprofit experience, Rajski Parashis served as Chief of Staff in the New Jersey State Assembly. In this role, she managed legislative matters with public policymaking efforts on local, state and federal levels.

“I am excited to be returning to work alongside my former colleagues at Community Options in this role to help support our most vulnerable citizens,” said Rajski Parashis. “I look forward to rolling up my sleeves to advance the mission of Community Options and to implement a successful operation.”

Rajski Parashis has earned her Masters Degree in Public Affairs and Politics from the Edward J. Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy at Rutgers University and a BA from Rutgers University in Political Science and Criminal Justice. She is married to Samuel Parashis who is a School Psychologist. She is also the proud mother of two - Matthew, 4, and Isabella, 1.

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About Community Options, Inc.:

For over 29 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.

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