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Commissioner Christine Norbut Beyer Visits Community Options

PRINCETON, NJ – Commissioner Christine Norbut Beyer visited a home operated by Community Options in Hamilton that provides services to children with disabilities on February 27, 2019.

Commissioner Beyer, who leads the New Jersey Department of Children and Families, spoke about the importance of partnerships with nonprofit organizations to provide services to children with special needs. Commissioner Beyer also expressed to Community Options the ongoing need in New Jersey for program options to support children with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

“Community Options is a valued partner for the department in serving youth with intellectual and developmental disabilities and providing options in programming,” said Commissioner Beyer. “In collaboration with our state and local community partners, New Jersey continues to build a robust infrastructure of needed services for individuals with I/DD.

Community Options currently operates three homes in Mercer County to support fifteen youths with intellectual and developmental disabilities. The home in Hamilton, which opened in 2018, supports five youths. A national leader in support services to people with disabilities of all ages, Community Options also operates over 130 homes in New Jersey for adults with disabilities.

“We want to thank Commissioner Beyer for her support and advocacy,” said Svetlana Repic-Qira, Regional Vice President for Community Options. “Understanding that there is an unmet need in New Jersey, we hope to have future partnerships with DCF to develop homes for youths with disabilities.”

Commissioner Beyer was appointed by Gov. Murphy to lead DCF in January 2018. She oversees the department programs that serve and safeguard the most vulnerable children and families in New Jersey. The state agency partners with Community Options to provide community-based housing opportunities for youths with disabilities.

Community Options is a Princeton-based national nonprofit organization that provides housing and employment support to people with disabilities. The organization employs a staff of over 5,000 and supports over 3,500 people with disabilities in eleven states.

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About Community Options, Inc.:

For 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.