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*Community Options, Inc. is a national nonprofit organization that develops homes and employment supports for people with developmental disabilities and has been doing so for over twenty years. The organization operates in New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, Pennsylvania, Kentucky, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas and New Mexico.*

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## Mayor Ron Jones of Beachwood to Honor People with Disabilities

**(May 10, 2010, Beachwood, New Jersey)** – Working in a day program that supports people with disabilities, especially a program that is completely community-based, is a hard job but for some reason, the staff that work in the Community Options Option Quest program make it look effortless.

Option Quest is a Community Options day program that supports people with disabilities in community-based volunteer activities. On a day when the staff were just doing their job and helping to facilitate an activity for the people supported in the program, someone took notice. Mayor Ronald Jones of Beachwood witnessed an interaction with an Option Quest Specialist and a person supported and was completely impressed by what he saw and how loving and caring this staff person was.

As a result of witnessing this interaction, Mayor Jones has invited the entire Option Quest program to assist in the planting of all of the annual flowers at the Beachwood Municipal Complex this **Friday, May 14, 2010 at 10:30am.**

“We are so grateful for this opportunity to be involved with the community of Beachwood and that someone like Mayor Jones has taken notice of the high caliber of day programming our organization offers,” says, Robert Stack, President and CEO of Community Options.

Option Quest was one of the first day programs that Community Options started as it gives people with disabilities an incredible opportunity to become fully integrated in their community as evidenced by the event taking place on Friday.

“We hope that we can continue to work with the Beachwood community on other volunteer projects that may become available,” says, Steven Verba, Region Director of Community Options.

“This is the beginning of a great partnership,” says, Natalie Pico, Option Quest Coordinator for Community Options.

The flower planting will begin at 10:30am on Friday; May 14, 2010 at the Beachwood Municipal Complex located 1600 Pinewald Avenue in Beachwood.

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