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### **New Hope Community Partners with Local Builder to Enhance Independent Living**

**LOCH SHELDRAKE, NEW YORK, JULY 25, 2019**—New Hope Community, a leading organization providing supports and services to hundreds of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD), and local builder, Saumik (Sonny) Patel are on a mission to change lives from the ground floor up.

New Hope's mission for nearly 45 years has been to fuel the best life possible for people with I/DD. This commitment has spurred their exploration of diverse opportunities that will create meaningful community involvement and integration for people with I/DD. Sonny Patel's shared interest in this goal and proven track record in high quality construction initially brought him to New Hope in 2018, and paved the way for a dynamic public/private housing partnership.

On June 27, 2019, after months of permits, talks and preparation, ground was broken on the Monticello, NY property that will be transformed into an attractive apartment complex. The units will be fully integrated and accessible for people with disabilities and also be a highly desirable rental community for others in the community.

The location complex will consist of three, three-story buildings that house a total of 64, one and two bedroom apartments. All apartments feature smart technology compatibility and are ADA compliant. Approximately 25% of the apartments are set aside for occupancy of people currently associated with New Hope Community. All apartments will be available at fair market value to the general public and would be appealing choices for workforce housing, seniors and students.

The project, which is expected to be completed in 2020, is likely to be the first of many to bring unique, integrated apartment living and a holistic lifestyle for all in the community.

### **About New Hope Community**

New Hope Community is a not-for-profit human services organization providing support for individuals with intellectual and other developmental disabilities. Established in 1975 to serve as a nurturing and caring alternative to large institutions which were found to have violated the most basic human rights and conditions, New Hope Community has become recognized as a leading provider in the human services field. Services include clinical and nursing care, day programming, education and recreation, leisure activities, a robust supported employment program, summer programs for youths, and more. The agency has always maintained a person-centered approach aimed at enhancing the lives of people with disabilities, and actively advocates for individual choice in a person's efforts to live, work, and participate fully in his or her community. New Hope Community presently supports and serves over 300 individuals and is a leading employer in Sullivan County, with more than 650 staff. Learn more at [www.newhopecommunity.org](http://www.newhopecommunity.org).



*Pictured left to right: Parag Patel, Sonny Patel's Team; Louis DiCostanzo, Sonny Patel's Team; Sonny Patel, Developer; Debra J. McGinness, New Hope Community Chief Executive Officer; Morris Schrader, Sonny Patel's Team; Juliette P. McKerrell, New Hope Community Board Chair and Terence Duncan, New Hope Community Assistance Vice President of Program Operations*