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**New Hope Community and Select Human Services Announce Merger**

**Loch Sheldrake, NY (January 17, 2020) - The Board of Directors of New Hope Community, Inc. has announced the merger of New Hope Community, Inc. with Select Humans Services, Inc., effective January 1, 2020.** Both New Hope Community and Select Human Services are leading Hudson Valley organizations that provide certified and non-certified, community-based supports and services that enhance the lives of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD). New Hope Community, based in Sullivan County and Select Human Services, based in Westchester County together will provide supports to over 1,000 individuals and their families. Select Human Services is one of the largest providers of Community Habilitation supports in the Hudson Valley region. Building on their organizational specialties, vision and shared strategic mission, the merger allows New Hope Community and Select Human Services to diversify and strengthen as one leading human services organization in Hudson Valley. Debra J. McGinness, who served as CEO of Select Human Services, was selected for the role of CEO for both organizations and is responsible for developing long-range initiatives for New Hope Community and Select Human Services.

The merger brings together two well-established organizations with highly complementary services and creates one of the Hudson Valley's largest agencies supporting people with I/DD and allows the realization of an extended footprint, a larger and more diverse array of supports and services and an increased workforce. Select Human Services will continue to operate as a division of New Hope Community. Executive Director Margaret Wicksman of Select Human Services will lead this division in a new role as Vice President, SHS Division.

"This announcement marks a significant milestone and is consistent with the strategic plans of both New Hope Community and Select Human Services," said Debra J. McGinness, CEO, New Hope Community. "The union of New Hope Community and Select Human Services is pivotal to extending the reach and diversification of our supports and services and will be a catalyst for dynamic change."

**About New Hope Community**

New Hope Community is a not-for-profit human services organization providing supports 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. In January 2020, New Hope Community merged with Select Human Services, Inc. (SHS) of Pleasantville, NY, a not-for-profit voluntary agency providing services in Westchester, Putnam and Dutchess Counties. New Hope Community's breadth of services includes clinical and nursing care, residential services, day programming, community habilitation, self-direction, support brokers, service navigators, education, recreation and leisure activities, a robust supported employment program, summer programs for youths, and so much more. New Hope Community has always maintained a person-centered approach toward 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 and SHS, combined, provide services to over 800 people and employ more than 1,200 staff.

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