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**New Hope Community to be Featured in Nationally Televised Segment of
*Viewpoint***

The upcoming episode focuses on the not-for-profit's mission to empower people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Loch Sheldrake, N.Y.— [New Hope Community](#), a leading provider in the human services field, will be recognized for its work on the next episode of *Viewpoint*. A nationally televised series hosted by actor Dennis Quaid, *Viewpoint* highlights influential organizations and individuals across the nation and delves into diverse informational and educational topics.

The upcoming episode, titled *Improving Communities through Care and Compassion*, will begin airing in March. This segment shines a spotlight on New Hope Community's person-centered approach to empowering people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD) and will be broadcast on public television stations in all 50 states for a full year – reaching an estimated 60 million households through the program's run.

Several New Hope Community programs and initiatives will be showcased, including:

- **Hope Farm**, a three-acre plot where residents assist with the cultivation of 12,000 pounds of fresh produce from more than 55 different crops, each year
- **Stables at McCoy Meadow horse barn**, New Hope Community's on-site hub for equine therapy
- **Andrew's Garden**, a 1.5-acre sensory exploration garden, curated to provide tranquility and serenity to the people served by New Hope Community, its employees and extended New Hope family
- **Annual Community Outreach Dinner**, a holiday initiative that provides hundreds of free hot meals to families in need

"We are honored to have this opportunity to share our story, our mission, and our impact on a national stage," said Chief Executive Officer Debra McGinness. "The finished piece features several members of our community demonstrating their talents, independence, and growth. We believe New Hope Community exemplifies mission-driven excellence and hope this piece will inspire people across our country to celebrate and connect with the many amazing people with I/DD that infuse a beautiful element into our lives, each day."

Interviews feature Chief Executive Officer McGinness; Chief Operating Officer Karen Russell; Assistant House Manager Arion Gjeka; Resident and Hope Farm Assistant Tara; Sullivan BOCES District Superintendent and Chief Executive Officer Robert Dufour Ed.D.; Resident and Board Member Walter Madden*; and Madden's sister Susie Busing-Madden. Each interview showcases how New Hope Community is building neighbor-to-neighbor relationships and collaborative partnerships that recognize the unique and special value of all of us while fostering choice and independence.

**In loving memory of Walter Madden, 1958 - 2024*

Viewpoint was launched 18 years ago with a mission to inspire its audience through thoughtful educational programming. Previous episodes have featured organizations such as IBM Watson, Nestle, and the National Civil Rights Museum.

New Hope Community will host a private video premiere on campus for its residents. The piece will begin airing nationwide on March 11.

You can watch a preview of the program [here](#).

To learn more about New Hope Community, visit NewHopeCommunity.org.

About New Hope Community:

Established in 1975, New Hope Community is a not-for-profit providing supports for individuals with intellectual and other developmental disabilities. Recognized today as a leading provider in the human services field, the organization maintains a person-centered approach and actively advocates for individual choice in a person's efforts to live, work and participate fully in his or her community. Its 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 much more.

In 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 Rockland Counties. The combined organization provides services to more than 700 people and employs more than 1,000 staff.

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