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## **New Hope Community Stands United at Rally in the Valley in the Fight to Protect Medicaid**

*The nonprofit joins forces with Jawonio and other advocacy groups to push for stable and comprehensive Medicaid funding.*

**Loch Sheldrake, NY** – On Friday, March 7, New Hope Community, a nonprofit dedicated to supporting people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD), took a stand at the Rally in the Valley event at Clover Stadium, Pomona, NY. The organization united with Jawonio and several other regional I/DD service providers to advocate for the protection of Medicaid funding, which is vital to the health and well-being of the communities they serve.

Together with their partners, New Hope Community called on elected officials to recognize the critical need for stable and equitable funding for nonprofit providers who support vulnerable populations, particularly those with I/DD. The rally emphasized that Medicaid funding is essential to ensure people continue to receive the care and services they rely on.

New Hope Community CEO, Debra McGinness, commented, "New Hope Community remains steadfast in its commitment to advocating for the resources, attention, and policy protections necessary to continue providing vital services to the people we support."



### ***About New Hope Community:***

New Hope Community is a not-for-profit human services organization that, for 50 years, has been providing supports for individuals with intellectual and other developmental disabilities. Established in 1975 to serve as a nurturing and caring alternative to large institutions that 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,



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Putnam, and Rockland Counties. New Hope Community's breadth of services include clinical and nursing care, residential services, day programming, community habilitation, self-direction, support brokerage, service navigators, education, recreation and leisure activities, a robustly supported employment program, summer programs for youths, and so much more. New Hope Community has always maintained a person-centered approach toward empowering 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 1,100 people and employ more than 1,370 staff. Learn more at [www.newhopecommunity.org](http://www.newhopecommunity.org).

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