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New Hope Community Chief Operating Officer Karen Russell Appointed Next CEO

Experienced Leader to Drive Next Chapter in Support of People with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities

Loch Sheldrake, NY – New Hope Community, a nonprofit dedicated to providing support for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD), has announced Karen Russell, New Hope Community's Chief Operating Officer, has been appointed as Chief Executive Officer.

With over 30 years of progressive experience at New Hope Community, Ms. Russell brings a wealth of operational expertise and unwavering dedication to the organization's mission, vision, and values. She began her journey with New Hope Community in 1995 as a Service Coordinator and has since built an impressive career, advancing through key roles in Quality Assurance, Corporate Compliance, and Executive Management. Karen has played a pivotal role in developing new programs and opportunities for both individuals and staff and led the expansion of departments to better serve a growing community of individuals. Her leadership has driven meaningful change and positioned New Hope Community for a strong future. Ms. Russell remains deeply committed to the people, staff, and families of New Hope Community, guided by her strong belief in New Hope Community's mission.

Terry Grafmuller, Chair of the New Hope Community Board, expressed, "We are grateful to have Karen Russell assume this position, providing continuity and stability as we move forward with our strategic plan and mission. Karen's expertise and vision will undoubtedly strengthen our solid foundation. We look forward to this exciting new chapter for New Hope Community."

Karen Russell shared, "It is a privilege to lead New Hope Community. Our top priority is to provide outstanding support to those we serve, while also maintaining a deep commitment to our dedicated staff and valued stakeholders. I am excited to collaborate with our talented team as we work together toward a successful future."



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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, 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.

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