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Hope Celebrates 10 Years of Residential Service to Columbia, Montour, Snyder and Union Counties

WILLIAMSPORT, Pa. – Hope Enterprises is celebrating 10 years of service to Columbia, Montour, Snyder and Union (CMSU) counties. In October 2007, Hope Enterprises merged with the CMSU Service System, expanding Hope's Residential Services to a seven-county region of central Pa. Hope's Danville administrative offices, located on Church Street, opened in 2009.

Hope's Residential Services provide care to individuals with developmental disabilities 24-hours a day. Staff members mentor and support individuals in activities of daily living, including money management, homemaking, socialization and community involvement.

Carol Drumheiser, vice president of operations, says low turnover among the division's staff is one reason to celebrate. Within Hope's CMSU service area, almost a third of current employees were with the agency in 2007. Drumheiser also finds the team's servant leadership to be remarkable.

"Regardless of what a staff member's role is — whether answering phones, cleaning a house or taking an individual to the grocery store, our staff members make individuals with disabilities their first priority," Drumheiser said. "Over the past 10 years, our staff members have never lost sight of their commitment to the individuals."

Hope's Residential Services program is open to individuals age 18 and older who have developmental disabilities. The program requires participants to have a referral from a county mental health/developmental disabilities program.

Hope's group homes provide housing for between two and six individuals and offer both co-ed and single-sex environments. Those interested in learning more about Hope's services in the CMSU region should contact Carol Drumheiser at 570-275-8691 or cdrumheiser@hopeability.org. For more information about Hope Enterprises Inc., visit www.HopeAbility.org.

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About Hope Enterprises

Hope is a comprehensive service provider, offering a wide range of programs and services for people with disabilities, serving more than 800 individuals and their families through an experienced, committed staff. The service area reaches across an area including Lycoming, Clinton, Northumberland, Columbia, Montour, Snyder, and Union counties. Always receptive to pursuing new techniques and ideas, Hope continues to be on the cutting edge in this field.

Hope Enterprises Inc. was founded in 1952 by Williamsport physician Max C. Miller, M.D., and his wife, Leona, as well as other parents and community leaders to provide community services to individuals with developmental disabilities.