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New Partnership Expands Career & Community Access for Individuals with Disabilities in Boston

January 25, 2021 (Boston, MA) - Jewish Vocational Service (JVS) and House of Possibilities (HOPE) have partnered to launch *Career & Community Access Program (CCAP)*, a new program to provide career and community access for individuals with disabilities living in the Boston area.

CCAP was developed in collaboration with Boston Public Schools (BPS) and the Boston-area Department of Developmental Services (DDS), and is being developed to equip Boston graduates with the array of career development, community access, and personal wellness skills they need to develop exceptional lives. "The beauty of CCAP and the partnership between HOPE and JVS is that you have two organizations coming together to solve a problem by doing what they already do really well, and by combining their strengths you get something that is even stronger than its parts," says Katie Terino, Executive Director of HOPE.

The excitement is equally shared by all organizations involved. "While JVS is laser focused on work, we realize that much of life takes place outside of the 9 to 5. For that reason, we are thrilled to partner with House of Possibilities to infinitely expand the connections that young adults with disabilities have to their local communities," says Jeff Gentry, Disability Services Director at JVS.

A combination of remote and onsite programming will be provided to an initial cohort of approximately 20 members at JVS's 75 Federal Street location in Boston as early as February 1, 2021.

For more information about the program, contact Lidi Chea at lchea@jvs-boston.org or 774-451-7637.

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About Jewish Vocational Service

Jewish Vocational Service (JVS) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, nonsectarian organization founded in 1938. JVS serves more than 16,000 individuals annually, and is one of the largest community-based providers of adult education and workforce development services in Greater Boston. JVS's mission is to empower individuals from diverse communities to find employment and build careers, while partnering with employers to hire, develop, and retain productive workforces. In support of this mission, JVS provides a wide range of adult education, vocational training, job readiness, career counseling, and job placement services, as well as related supportive services. Learn more about JVS at www.jvs-boston.org.

About House of Possibilities

HOPE's mission is to provide children and adults with disabilities and their families with a life-changing path to greater independence: a nurturing community, groundbreaking programs, meaningful opportunities, and passionate advocacy that free them to grow and thrive. HOPE is headquartered in a home-like facility located on the campus of Stonehill College in Easton, MA. HOPE serves over 240 families from 58 communities across Massachusetts through Day Programs, Employment Support, Social & Recreational Programs and the only non-emergency children's Overnight Respite program in the state. In response to COVID-19, HOPE is leading the industry with innovative remote services designed to engage members as they progress towards their goals while also combating the effects of social isolation. To learn more about HOPE, get involved or become a supporter, please contact [Laura O'Rourke](mailto:l.orourke@houseofpossibilities.org) at l.orourke@houseofpossibilities.org or 508-205-0555 x205.