

Jubilee Association of Maryland Announces Steve Keener as New Executive Director

Immediate Release

May 4, 2019—Kensington, MD. Jubilee Association of Maryland announced Steve Keener as its new Executive Director. He succeeds Tim Wiens, who is retiring after leading Jubilee for 40 years. Jubilee was started by Hyattsville Mennonite Church in 1978 as part of the movement to bring people with intellectual disabilities out of segregated institutions and into the community. Since then, Jubilee has grown to be a leader in person-centered disability services, currently supporting 140 people who are included in their communities across Montgomery County.

Keener, a former Jubilee Board member, comes to Jubilee from Special Olympics International where he currently serves as Corporate Counsel and Assistant Secretary. He previously served as Chief Operating Officer and General Counsel for L'Arche Greater Washington, D.C. and before that as an international trade attorney at King & Spalding's Washington office. Keener is originally from Goshen, Indiana, and first became involved in disability services at Mennonite Disabilities Committee (now Goldenrod) in Goshen where he volunteered as a live-in caregiver. He holds a law degree from Notre Dame (Ind.) and Bachelor's degree from Eastern University (St. Davids, Penn.).

“We are fortunate to have someone of Steve's caliber to lead Jubilee,” said Karrie Peterson, president of the Jubilee Association Board of Directors. “Jubilee is thriving and we need an executive director who will continue to position Jubilee as a leader in the developmental disability field and nurture important relationships. Steve is a strong communicator with a demonstrated ability to lead and bring people together. Furthermore, as a former board member, he understands Jubilee's services, mission, and faith-based values.”

Keener said he looks forward to helping Jubilee build on its legacy. “Jubilee focuses on the unique gifts each person brings and supports the kinds of opportunities we all want and need. Jubilee is helping build a world where all people are valued and find belonging.”

After a brief transitional period, Tim Wiens will retire on June 30. Steve Keener will assume leadership on July 1.

About Jubilee: Jubilee Association of Maryland is a faith-based, not-for-profit that provides opportunities and support for people with intellectual and other developmental disabilities to live in and enrich their community while fulfilling their personal, family, social and spiritual needs. The organization has a staff of more than 270 and an annual budget of more than \$12 million. Through partnerships, innovation and attentive care, Jubilee is a leader in providing the highest quality services and helping its clients demonstrate the power of inclusion. Learn more at www.jubileemd.org.

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