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### **Liberty CEO Leaving for NYC Post**

**Amsterdam** - Liberty officials announced today that Mike Decker, Liberty's Chief Executive Officer, will be leaving to accept the position of Chief Operating Officer with AHRC New York City in early January, 2014. The agency is a NYSARC chapter, like Liberty, serving 15,000 individuals in New York City's five boroughs with the support of about 5,000 employees.

Mike Decker became Liberty's second CEO in January of 2012. Decker has been an administrator at Liberty since 1989, serving as Chief Operating Officer from 2007 until serving in his current role.

"I'm very fortunate to have served Liberty's important mission over the past 24 years," said Decker. "Making this transition provides some additional opportunities and challenges that are very exciting, including expanding the impact I can have on the lives of others. Despite having this challenge and opportunity presented to me, it was a difficult decision."

"Mike Decker has been an outstanding leader and has brought a great deal to the organization, before and after he assumed the role of CEO," said Ken Adamowski, President of Liberty's Board of Directors. "Fortunately, thanks to his foresight and that of his predecessor, Frank Capone, Liberty has amazing staff carrying out our mission every day and is well-positioned financially and from a management standpoint. "

Adamowski indicated that the search process to fill the position of CEO has been initiated.

"I know that Liberty will continue to experience great success well into the future due to the dedication of so many talented people; as well as our well-recognized practices, reputation, resources, and history," said Decker. "It has truly been my honor to lead this organization."

Founded in 1957, Liberty is Montgomery County's primary provider of services for adults with developmental disabilities and the County's second largest employer, with 780 full and part time staff. At present, approximately 615 adults and children with disabilities receive supports through the organization's core programs.

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