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**BREVARD COUNTY SHERIFF WAYNE IVEY SUPPORTS SPECIAL NEEDS COMMUNITY THROUGH ADVISORY  
ROLE WITH PROMISE IN BREVARD**

BREVARD COUNTY – Promise Inc., (Promise) is pleased to announce the appointment of Brevard County Sheriff Wayne Ivey to a newly created role as an advisor to Promise President/CEO and the Promise Board of Directors, in support of the special needs community.

In this role, Sheriff Ivey, who has a longstanding relationship with Promise, will provide guidance related to safety and security measures at the Promise campus and Promise’s social enterprises as well as other matters impacting the Promise community on an as needed basis.

“I have known Sheriff Ivey since moving to Brevard County in 2012 and had the opportunity to work alongside him on many matters including while serving together in leadership on the United Way Board of Directors,” said Jeff Kiel, President/CEO of Promise in Brevard. “Sheriff Ivey clearly has a passion for those in need in our community and holds a special place in his heart for the population we serve at Promise, which will provide additional comfort to Promise residents and their families.”

One of only six completed planned communities currently in operation throughout the state of Florida and one of less than 60 completed planned communities for individuals with disabilities in the entire nation with availability or a “waitlist” status, Promise is a true gem of Brevard County. Promise is also leading the nation as one of the first planned communities to provide a more affordable, more accessible and more innovative supportive housing model for individuals with intellectual disabilities and the *only* planned community for individuals with intellectual disabilities in the state of Florida that focuses on employment as a core value and develops social enterprises to ensure residents have multiple choices for work training and experience.

“I am truly honored to serve as an Advisory Board member for Promise in Brevard as they continue to serve those in our community with special needs,” said Sheriff Ivey. “Since its inception, the goal of Promise has been to give peace of mind to families of individuals with special needs. From providing

safe, affordable housing to helping provide employment opportunities for their residents, Promise helps bridge the gap for some of Brevard's most vulnerable citizens, and I am truly excited to be part of the initiative!!"

In addition to the Promise in Brevard Affordable Housing Community in West Melbourne, Florida, Promise operates several social enterprises, which employ the residents of Promise alongside others from the community, including the Promise Treasures Thrift Shoppe, Aves' Place Ice Cream inside the Promise Café & Bakery and Sweet Sue's Salon. All of these enterprises are open to the public and directly support Promise, a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization.

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*About Promise:*

*Established in 2009, Promise is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization with a mission to provide affordable, independent housing for individuals with cognitive and physical disabilities utilizing public and private partnerships to develop a model community. Located in West Melbourne, Florida, Promise in Brevard is home to 125 adults with special needs, while also offering vocational training and employment opportunities for its residents and an extensive resident community program featuring more than 60 on- and off-site activities per week, including life skills classes such as money management, nutrition, cooking, sewing and social skills. For more information about Promise and its mission of providing opportunities for individuals with special needs, please visit [www.promiseinbrevard.com](http://www.promiseinbrevard.com) and watch this video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IH5inD1cSdY&t=21s>*