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ORANGE GROVE CENTER TO HOST A RIBBON-CUTTING CEREMONY FOR A NEW PLAYGROUND MADE POSSIBLE BY PLAYCORE

Chattanooga, TN – Orange Grove Center’s campus is now home to a colorful new playground located near the Administration Office, which will be officially open to supported individuals and visitors alike following a ribbon-cutting ceremony on Friday, May 12 at 1 p.m. The general public is invited to join with Orange Grove Center staff in celebrating this exciting new addition to our campus.

The accessible playground was made possible by a gift from the estate of Marina Jenkins and the generous support of guests and sponsors of Orange Grove’s inaugural Bingo for the Grove! fundraising event in August 2022. The installation of the playground was done over a 2-day period by 50 employees of PlayCore, Inc. – a community-focused supplier of commercial outdoor playground equipment – as part of PlayCore’s annual Days of Caring event.

“PlayCore is proud to be headquartered here in Chattanooga and — through our Days of Caring — to give back to the community where we live, work, and play,” said Anne-Marie Spencer, PlayCore’s Corporate VP of Marketing. “We couldn’t be more excited to partner with Orange Grove Center this year for all they do to advance inclusion and independence for people with disabilities. We hope this space brings joy, laughter, and fun to everyone who plays here!”

The addition of the new playground to Orange Grove Center’s campus is one of several events planned throughout the year to commemorate the 70th anniversary of Orange Grove. “We are very excited to introduce the new recreational equipment on the north side of our campus for the enjoyment and enrichment of the people we support,” said Orange Grove Chief Operating Officer Wayne Collins. “We are grateful for Chattanooga’s unique culture of generosity and the many ways we build up our community and grow together.”

For more information about other upcoming events such as Orange Grove’s 15th Annual Golf Tournament and Bingo at the Grove! please visit Orange Grove’s official website at <https://orangegrovecenter.org/www>.

About Orange Grove Center

Founded in 1953, Orange Grove Center is a private, non-profit organization that serves 1,000+ adults and children with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD) in the Chattanooga and North Georgia areas. For more information about programs and services, visit <https://orangegrovecenter.org/www>. For weekly updates, follow @orangegrovectr on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and LinkedIn.

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