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ORANGE GROVE CENTER ANNOUNCES LEADERSHIP PROMOTIONS AND NEW HIRES

Chattanooga, TN – Orange Grove Center is pleased to announce several leadership promotions and new hires that strengthen the organization's commitment to providing exceptional services and supports for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD).

Wendy Green joined the organization in April as Director of Supported Living, bringing more than 20 years of nonprofit leadership experience. In her new role, she looks forward to developing and strengthening systems that support both residents and staff while fostering an environment where everyone can thrive.

James Southern joined Orange Grove in December as Director of Human Resources. Southern brings more than 20 years of human resources leadership experience and is committed to strengthening workforce engagement while developing strategies that support employee success and organizational growth.

Beginning in July, Dwayne Price will join Orange Grove as Director of Children's Services. Price brings more than 20 years of experience in education, special education leadership, and behavioral supports, with a strong focus on improving outcomes for students with diverse needs.

Dr. Nichole Boaz joined Orange Grove as a part-time dentist in January. With more than 30 years of experience in dentistry and her own practice in Chattanooga, Dr. Boaz brings extensive clinical expertise and a patient-centered approach to the role. She first gained experience working with individuals with IDD during her dental school residency and is excited to continue that work at Orange Grove.

Several longtime team members have also stepped into new leadership roles within the organization. Regina Selby has assumed the role of Chief Compliance Officer. A dedicated member of the organization for more than three decades, Selby brings a wealth of experience, institutional knowledge, and leadership expertise to her new role as she oversees organizational compliance.

Heidi Hoffecker has been promoted to Chief Development Officer. After serving as Director of Development for the past 14 years, Hoffecker will continue leading Orange Grove's fundraising and community engagement efforts while focusing on expanding support and strategic partnerships throughout the region.

Windy Brooks has been named Director of Development. After working at Orange Grove for 14 years, Brooks looks forward to continuing the important work of developing strong relationships

and partnerships that will play an important role in supporting the future of Orange Grove's mission.

Jim Lockwood has assumed the role of Director of Intermediate Care Facilities, bringing decades of leadership experience in social services and residential programming. His previous oversight of Orange Grove's Maintenance, Information Technology, and Transportation departments provides a strong foundation for supporting the organization's residential programs and future growth.

As she approaches her 20th anniversary with Orange Grove Center, Rebecca Taylor has been promoted to Director of Logistics. In her new role, Taylor will oversee transportation, information technology, and maintenance operations, focusing on driving efficiency, optimizing resources, and ensuring seamless coordination across departments.

Misty Montgomery has also been promoted to Director of Support Services. During her 10 years with Orange Grove, Montgomery has served in several key roles, including Community Volunteer Coordinator, Residential Coordinator, and Day Services Coordinator. Her broad experience and deep understanding of the organization position her well to lead support services across the agency.

“Strong leadership is essential to fulfilling our mission and ensuring we continue providing high-quality services to the individuals and families who depend on Orange Grove,” said Executive Director Tera Parsons. “These promotions and new appointments reflect both the exceptional talent within our organization and our commitment to attracting experienced professionals who share our vision. I am excited to see how each of these leaders will help strengthen our programs, support our staff, and advance Orange Grove's impact throughout the community.”

These leadership changes reflect Orange Grove Center's continued investment in strong leadership, operational excellence, and innovative service delivery. Through the experience and dedication of its leadership team, Orange Grove remains committed to enhancing opportunities and quality of life for the individuals and families it serves.

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://www.orangegrovecenter.org/>. For weekly updates, follow @orangegrovecr on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and LinkedIn.

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