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ORANGE GROVE CENTER CELEBRATES JOE JACKSON'S FIFTEENTH YEAR ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Chattanooga, TN - Orange Grove Center is honored to celebrate Joe Jackson's fifteenth year of service on the Board of Directors. Jackson first connected with Orange Grove through a recommendation by longtime Board member and friend Mike Barto. As someone not formerly connected with Orange Grove, he was impressed by the size and range of programs at Orange Grove. "I just couldn't begin to imagine all the things Orange Grove did," he comments, reflecting on his experience after his first tour of the Center. "It was really enlightening to me."

An established contributor to the Chattanooga community, Jackson's professional career includes 35 years in banking and sales and 15 years working as an administrator at his church, Olivet Baptist. His commitment to Orange Grove has been strengthened by witnessing the work done at Orange Grove and inspired by the unique dedication and care of the staff. "The staff is so strong over there," he notes. "They are so sincere with what they do and how they do it."

Throughout his time at on the Board of Directors, Jackson has been particularly impressed by Orange Grove's geographic expansion into North Georgia. He is hopeful about the opportunity to serve a broader community with further expansion through new group homes and programs that create greater opportunities for independence.

Beyond his work at Orange Grove, he also runs the Joe Jackson Memorial Scholarship fund, supporting low-income students pursuing higher education. His passion and heart for service have made him a valuable member of the Board of Directors for fifteen years and we look forward to seeing the ways his vision and guidance inspire positive change at Orange Grove for years to come.

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 @orangegrovecetr on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and LinkedIn.

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