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**ORANGE GROVE CELEBRATES 11 NEW CERTIFIED NURSING ASSISTANTS**

Orange Grove Center and Chattanooga State Community College proudly announce the graduation of 11 employees from the Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) training program. This intensive, two-week course is offered annually to Orange Grove staff. Throughout the course, students have the opportunity to participate in hands-on, experiential learning to prepare them for the State of Tennessee CNA Licensure Exam. Upon passing the exam, students receive their official certification from Chattanooga State.

“We are excited to congratulate our 11 new CNAs and applaud this important step they have taken to continue their education and training,” said Orange Grove CEO Tera Roberts. “Continued staff development is essential to ensuring we deliver the highest level of care and support to every individual at Orange Grove. We are grateful for our partnership with Chattanooga State and the opportunities this program provides to enhance the skills of our staff.”

This Friday, December 5, Orange Grove will host its annual Founder’s Day celebration. Staff and individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD) will spend the day honoring the organization’s anniversary, with recognition and awards for dedicated staff and individuals. A pinning ceremony will also be held to celebrate the CNA program graduates.

Please join us in the Orange Grove Healthcare Atrium at 10 a.m. this Friday, December 5, for the celebration.

**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 @orangegrovectr on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and LinkedIn.

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