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NEW SHOES FOR ORANGE GROVE CENTER CLIENTS DONATED BY FRONT RUNNER ATHLETICS

Chattanooga, Tenn. – Front Runner Athletics, a shoe and apparel store on Hixson Pike owned by Chad Varga, recently measured and fitted seven hard-working Orange Grove individuals employed at the recycling convenience center location at North Access Road. Varga works frequently with individuals from Orange Grove at his store, as he and his staff work to meet their sometimes unique and challenging footwear needs. But he and his family are also avid recyclers, and have come to know the folks who staff the Access Road location.

The convenience center is run by the City of Chattanooga as a drop-off site for recyclable materials. The North Access Road is one of six such centers staffed by individuals from Orange Grove, where they help community members sort and deposit recyclables. “I come to this drop off center a number of times every week and have really gotten to know the folks who work here. One of them never fails to ask me about my kids. Our trips to the drop-off center have become more about visits than about recycling,” Varga said.

Knowing that fit and quality are critical to foot health, and noticing that several of the individuals at the convenience center had very worn shoes, Varga arranged to fit, measure, and provide new shoes to each of the workers there. “It’s important for us to give back and to take care of each other,” said Laryssa Martinovich, Front Runner’s Marketing Coordinator. “It makes sense for us to do something meaningful that we know something about – and that’s shoes.”







About Orange Grove Center

Established in 1953, the Orange Grove Center is a private, non-profit organization serving adults and children with developmental and intellectual disabilities. Orange Grove serves approximately 1,000 individuals, and employs over 800 staff to provide a wide array of community services. For more information, visit: www.orangegrovecenter.org; "Like" them on Facebook at: Orange Grove Center; or, follow them on Twitter: @OrangeGrove.

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