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### **Smith-Summers Field Dedication**

**Chattanooga, Tenn.** – Orange Grove Center, announces the renaming of its activity field to honor two men whose support of Special Olympics has made a tremendous impact. The Smith-Summers field is an activity and practice area for the individuals served, and for Orange Grove's community partners.

Lloyd Ray Smith served as head of the Orange Grove Recreation Department in 1968. Smith helped to build the programs of Orange Grove Center's Special Olympics and Area 4 Special Olympics. He later became the Area 4 Special Olympics Director, and is credited with overseeing the expansion of Special Olympics.

Jerry Summers, an experienced trial attorney has helped to fund the growth of Special Olympics locally; his support has led to the rapid growth of the Special Olympics Unified Sports program; which brings together athletes with and without intellectual differences to compete. Summers serves on the boards of Area 4 Special Olympics, and Orange Grove Center.

### **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. Current programs and activities include school-age academic, pre-vocational training, job coaching, employment, health care and related services, and residential services.

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