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HATponics gardening system to be installed at Orange Grove Center

(CHATTANOOGA, Tenn. - July 8, 2014) HATponics, a Chattanooga-based sustainable agriculture company, is installing a brand new aquaponics growing system at Orange Grove Center on Thursday, July 9, at 2 p.m. The system will be located in the Center's cafeteria at 615 Derby Street.

Lori Cleveland, an exceptional education teacher at Orchard Knob Elementary, recently purchased a residential aquaponics system with the help of a grant from Junior League of Chattanooga. Her purchase made it possible for HATponics to donate the system to Orange Grove.

The aquaponic garden will introduce individuals to science and agriculture, as well as healthy and well-rounded diets, inclusive of nutritious fruits, vegetables and fish. The Center hopes this system will have many benefits for its individuals. Therapists will be able to teach job skills related to gardening and engineering, as well as offering a peaceful source of relaxation.

For each deluxe residential system purchased, HATponics has pledged to donate a basic system to a family or organization in need. To learn more about HATponics, visit www.hatponics.com.

About HATponics:

HATponics provides aquaponics systems for schools, individuals and humanitarian relief in the Southeast, and is at the forefront of sustainable agriculture development in Chattanooga and North Georgia. The goal is to feed 20 million people by the year 2020 by sending farms to populations in need.

About Orange Grove Center

Orange Grove Center, funded, in part, by United Way of Chattanooga, was established in 1953 by parents of children with intellectual disabilities, to provide educational opportunities, and needed supports across the lifespan. The Center serves more than 1000 adults and children and offers a full array of services, including education, vocational and employment opportunities, residential options, services for Georgia residents, therapy and health care services, recreation, counseling and a robust research portfolio with university affiliations.

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