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Orange Grove welcomes Valoria Armstrong and Sandy Lusk to board of directors

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn. (January 16, 2014) - Orange Grove Center announces the addition of Valoria Armstrong and Sandy Lusk to its board of directors for 2013-2014.

Armstrong has a bachelor's in Business Administration from Georgia Southern University. She is the human resources director for American Water Service Company, Inc., where she leads a team of HR professionals in seven states. Her responsibilities include employee and labor relations, workforce planning and staffing, performance management, and organizational development. She was previously employed by Food Lion as Human Resources Manager and in several other key positions for 11 years.

She is a certified Professional in Human Resources (PHR), and has memberships in the National Society for Human Resource Management, the Chattanooga and Bluegrass Chapters of SHRM, and serves on committees for the Chattanooga SHRM Chapter, Chattanooga Chapter American Cancer Society (current chair and past vice chair), University of Tennessee at Chattanooga Women's Department, UTC's Chancellors' Diversity Advisory Council and the Volkswagen Diversity Council. She was president of the Chattanooga chapter of the NAACP, the first female and the youngest (elected at age 26) from 2005 to 2012, a first in 53 years for the organization.

The Swainsboro, GA, native, and her husband, Lawrence, reside in Ooltewah.

Lusk is a 1983 graduate of Texas A&M University, with a bachelor of science in Psychology. She was a realtor in both Florida and Tennessee. She devotes much of her time to community involvement, including volunteering with the Signal Mountain Mountain Stewards, a local environmental club.

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She is also a Democratic activist, serving as associate executive director and vice chairwoman of the executive committee of the Tennessee Democratic Party. She is responsible for women's issues, including organizing women countywide for the upcoming elections and assisting in fundraising and staff organization. Lusk is also the October 2012 recipient of the Estes Kefauver Award in recognition of her years of service.

She is married to Bill Lusk, mayor of Signal Mountain, and the mother of Kyle, who recently transitioned to Signal Mountain High School after being served by Orange Grove for nine years.

About Orange Grove Center

Orange Grove Center was established in 1953 by parents of children with intellectual disabilities, as a school. Since then, Orange Grove has evolved to provide a wide range of programs that address the needs of those with intellectual disabilities throughout their lifespan. The Center offers a full array of services, including education, vocational opportunities, residential options, therapy and health care services, recreation, and counseling and maintains a number of university affiliations to further its mission to recognize, support and celebrate the qualities of the individual. Orange Grove Center is funded, in part, by United Way of Greater Chattanooga.

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