



\$100,000 Load of Donated Toys, Old Navy Clothing and Shoes, Bedding and Kitchen Goods Arrive Just in Time for Christmas

A second large durable goods donation from Remedium Life Science of Georgia arrived at the Chattooga County Agricultural Center last week just in time for the holidays. Valued at over \$100,000, the goods included kitchen, bedding, medical and fitness items, musical instruments and sports equipment, and special this time, Old Navy brand shoes and clothing, and toys.

The goods arrived on 18 large pallets. With the assistance of the Trion High School boys basketball team, 4-Hers, volunteers from Chattooga High School and recent graduates from Trion who are home from college, the items were sorted and organized, quickly filling the indoor facility at the Ag Center from wall-to-wall.

Carla Harward, CEO of Helping Hands Ending Hunger, in conjunction with Cindy Rivers McGraw, Executive Director of The Chattooga Chamber Foundation, facilitated distribution of the goods to Chattooga County children, families and seniors.

Community organizations, including the Boy's and Girl's Club, Family Connections, Chattooga Resource Center, Trion Lion's Club, and Three Circles Foundation participated along with Helping Hands students. Coun-

selors from the Chattooga County Schools and Trion City Schools were able to get clothing and other needed items for their school closets and will be able to help even more children and parents at their schools as a result. The North Georgia Cruisers were excited to get shoes and clothes to add to their bags for their annual Christmas giveaway to children in need next week.

"Having been involved in both of the community donations that Remedium has made to Chattooga County, I must say I'm overwhelmed with Remedium's generosity. These goods have helped a tremendous amount of people in our community. Coats, warm blankets, new shoes and clothes, and toys were high quality items that struggling families probably could not have afforded this year. This distribution right before Christmas was especially impactful. For me, giving to children the opportunity to shop for their families and themselves, when many would not have had a real Christmas otherwise, was the highlight," Harward reflected on the event.

OTHER QUOTES
"Our students loved the opportunity to shop for their families at Christmas.



MATT CONNELLY (REMEDIUM CEO), CINDY RIVERS, CARLA HARWARD (KID WALKER AND CHRYSAN THOMAS GREET TRUCK FILLED WITH PALLET'S OF GOODS)

I watched their eyes dance and pulses race while they picked out items for each family member. When the teacher asked what the children picked out, students showed gifts for their siblings, not for themselves. One child was most excited about being able to help her family out by getting diapers for their baby and bedding. A high school student was excited about getting a ukulele and learning a new instrument. This is what Christmas is all about," said Tina Lee, Trion City Schools, Lanny Thomas, Trion High School's Basketball Coach: "I'm proud our basketball players were able to translate their teamwork skills to help organize all of the goods from this donation. We believe community service is important to building strong character. Our boys did a great job and had a great time doing it."

Maisha Lundy, Family Connection: "I know all of these items were very much appreciated by Chattooga County residents. The pandemic has hit our community hard. The generosity of these

goods came at the perfect time, right before the holidays. There were so many wonderful items for adults and children. We are grateful for all Remedium has already done to uplift our community.

"Remedium's outreach shows us that we are one community, and we should all be helping each other. It's not about race, Black or White or Hispanic. We are all in this together and with all that is going on in this community because of COVID and otherwise, it's just so wonderful to see all the help that is happening," local resident Felicia Foster said.

Mary Beth Housch, Leroy Massey Elementary Counselor said, "We are so grateful for all of these shoes and clothes for our families participating in Helping Hands. We are adding a new family today. The little boy wrote a letter to Santa and all he asked for is food. We are going to make sure he has food and a Christmas to remember."

If Remedium receives a Medical Cannabis License from the State of Georgia, the company will invest over \$20 million in their facility in Trion.

Remedium has already begun working with local contractors on the site preparation and building plans and expects to be operational by January 2022 if granted a license in April 2021. The company has also collaborated with local vendors for goods and services, as well as being committed to hiring local residents. A strategic partnership in place with Georgia Northwestern Technical College and the horticulture program will help train a specialized workforce for this new emerging industry in Georgia.

Remedium officials visited the industrial park in

January and identified the 27-acre site.

Once the facility is operational, the company will hire 50 employees. Remedium is see \$100,000 LOAD, page 10-B



BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB OF CHATTOOGA COUNTY Employees Select Items To Benefit Participating Children



THIS BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM SPENT A DAY OF SERVICE Helping Other Volunteers Unpack, Sort And Organize The Goods



FELICIA FOSTER, CARLA HARWARD, MAISHA LUDY Are Distributing Children's Shoes To Needy Families



CALVIN BOOKER (REMEDIUM EXECUTIVE) VISITED With CHS Student Volunteers Who Assisted With Distribution



BRAND NEW OLD NAVY SHOES, BOOTS AND SANDALS Took Up A Quarter Of The Agricultural Center's Room

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operated by pharmaceutical and healthcare professionals. This type of pharmaceutical industry is just emerging in Georgia. State legislators

voted last year to allow the construction of six low-THC oil facilities in Georgia. Remedium wants to be one of the six.

In order to acquire a

Georgia license, companies must agree to build at least a \$5 million facility.

Georgia's new law allows two of the six license holders to build a 50,000 square-foot facility. The remaining four license holders have to build a 100,000 square-foot facility.

The law allows these businesses to grow marijuana containing up to 5-percent THC. Flower, edibles and vaping products from these facilities are banned.

The products made at the Trion facility would be available only through a prescription from a medical doctor, according to Georgia law.

The development authority said Remedium is a proven industry leader in medical marijuana only states. Other qualities about the company include:

- * Locally banked.
- * Locally sourced vendors and suppliers.
- * Diverse group of owners and managers
- * Strong medical background
- * Philanthropic and law enforcement foundation
- * Patient advocates.



MARY BETH HOUSCH SHOPPED FOR LME'S Children And Families In Need



THIS BASKETBALL PLAYERS WORK AS A TEAM To Organize Thousands Of Different Donated Products