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\$100,000 IN MERCHANDISE DONATED BY INVESTOR
Toys, Bedding, Instruments Will Go To Chattooga Residents

Remedium Life Science Of Georgia Donates \$100,000 In Goods For Chattooga Residents

Summerville, GA — A 53 ft. tractor-trailer arrived at the Chattooga County Agricultural Center filled with 27 pallets of all new items in their original packaging on Friday.

Toys, guitars, bedding, appliances, sports equipment, Halloween costumes and numerous other household goods were donated by Remedium Life Science of Georgia. The donation was worth \$100,000, officials said.

The truck was unloaded just outside the agriculture

building using a Hyster provided by the county. Local officials and volunteers were on site, along with Remedium representatives, to help unload the shipment.

The donation is being spearheaded by the Chattooga County Chamber Foundation who will help distribute these items in coordination with local charities including Helping Hands Ending Hunger and The Boys and Girls Club, along with our two school systems.

"These donations will

reach thousands of lives in our community. Remedium has filled our hearts with so much joy — we are incredibly grateful for their generosity," said Cindy Rivers McGraw, President of the Chamber of Commerce Foundation.

Also, on site was Trion Councilman Lanny Thomas who commented, "This could not come at a better time for our community. For the past six months, we've had very little to celebrate and now we've been gifted a major donation."

Matt Connelly, Chairman of Remedium, shared, "We are fortunate to be in a position to make a positive impact and that's what it's all about. The Remedium Team looks forward to continuing our work to support the families of Chattooga."

The Helping Hands Ending Hunger team, page 10-A

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ing Hunger organization will also help in the distribution, according to that group's CEO Carla Harward.

"Many of our children often go without the most basic goods. We are constantly struggling to find ways to reach these families, especially our most vulnerable population. On behalf of Helping Hands, I want to say how grateful we are for this donation. The generosity demonstrated by Remedium really is amazing. I know these goods will have a profound and meaningful impact in our community," Harward said.

Already Harward and her volunteers have started unpacking the pallets and started organizing the goods. Even high school students are helping.

"Our student body, FFA, and others are so excited to be helping with this effort and making a difference in our community. It's really awesome. We are taught in Georgia 4-H to always give back to those who have given to you," said Mary-Anna Bentley, Chattooga County High School Senior.

Remedium Life Science of Georgia is partnering with the Northwest Georgia Joint Development Authority, Chattooga County and the Town of Trion to establish a new innovative industry in the community. Remedium is seeking a license to cultivate and manufacture pharmaceutical grade, low-THC oil for Georgia's qualified patients. If successful, Remedium will research, develop and distribute

specialized medical cannabis solutions throughout the State of Georgia, while bringing jobs and economic growth to the local communities of Chattooga County.

The company wants to invest \$15 million into building a hydroponics facility that will produce pharmaceutical-grade marijuana for medical use.

Once the facility is operational, the company will hire 50 employees. Remedium is 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 \$2 million facility. Remedium is looking to invest \$15 million including the construction of a 100,000 square-foot building. The site will encompass about 27 acres of the industrial park.

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

"Remedium Life Science has once again shown their true heart for service and caring nature for the people of Northwest Georgia and Chattooga County. These goods will go a long way towards ensuring children and families of Chattooga County have the products they need to live, learn, and thrive. I look forward to working with this company to ensure they can not only provide goods to this community, but also great paying jobs and life altering products," Northwest Georgia Joint Development Authority Executive Director Jeff Mullis said.

"We are excited about the partnership between Remedium and Chattooga County, but the economic impact of this project extends far beyond the county lines. Other communities in my House District will also benefit, which is why there is so much regional support for Remedium." - State Rep. Eddie Lumsden.



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DONATIONS INCLUDE KEYBOARDS, BEDDING
Salad Spinner Pro, Coffee Grinders, Ice Trays, Etc.



CHATTOOGA COUNTY WORKER HELPS
Unload Numerous Pallets Of Toys, Other Goods