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CREATION GARDENS ANNOUNCES ACQUISITION OF ReFRESH PRODUCE

Distributor Offers Customers In House Custom Cut Produce Preparation & Broadens Market Reach

Labor shortages in Foodservice industry create opportunity. Creation Gardens acquires and launches Prep Kitchen June 2016

Louisville, KY (May 24, 2016) - Creation Gardens, a foodservice distribution company, announced the acquisition of ReFresh Produce of Cincinnati, Ohio. ReFresh Produce specializes in fresh cut processed produce offerings. ReFresh is a family owned business with over 30 years of experience and 40 employees. This move further enhances the customer experience by offering in house processing of fruits and vegetables to current and future Creation Gardens customers.

Sarah and Joseph Re will continue to manage and operate this processed fruit and vegetable division for Creation Gardens, which will remain in Cincinnati. With the restaurant industry experiencing explosive growth, increasing wages and high turnover, this addition is a valuable service for chefs to access fresh and quality fresh cut produce. This new line and service extension will be advantageous to foodservice operators and allow them to manage labor costs without jeopardizing quality.

“Through the acquisition of ReFresh Produce, we are very excited to be able to offer this service to our customers. Custom produce preparation is a service that will save our chefs both time and money, and will better support our regions’ thriving food scene,” remarked Ron Turnier, President of Creation Gardens. “We spend a lot of time talking face to face with chefs on what they want, and we know this is something they really need given current and future labor shortages.”

The Cincinnati rooted Re family joins Ron and Mollie Turnier in their continued efforts to be the premier foodservice distributor in the region. The combination of these two companies now provides customers to have access to Produce, Gourmet Foods, Meats, Eco Paper Products, Dairy and now Fresh Cut Produce 7 days a week, portioned to daily supply with no minimum order size and industry leading cut off times. Creation Gardens began servicing chefs in 1997 in Louisville, Kentucky and now employees over 275 people, has a fleet of over 70 trucks and 4 distribution facilities reaching customers in four states.

About Creation Gardens:

Creation Gardens is a unique foodservice distributor based in Louisville, KY that serves six challenging product lines to 2,000+ restaurants, hotels, country clubs customers in four states. The product lines include: Produce, butchered Meats, gourmet foods, dairy, paper and bulk staple items.

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