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HCA HEALTHCARE COMES TOGETHER TO CLEAN UP THE HARPETH RIVER

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (Oct. 23, 2015) – Thanks to support from HCA Healthcare and the Tennessee Valley Authority, the Harpeth River in Franklin is a little cleaner. Each year, HCA dedicates two Community Days in which their employees team with a local nonprofit for a day of volunteering. This year, the Harpeth River Watershed Association hosted 21 HCA employees on a river cleanup in Franklin, Tennessee. HCA Community Day volunteers hauled out more than 100 tires in addition to other trash and debris in a 3.75 mile stretch of the river starting at Rizer Point Drive and ending at Cotton Lane. Efforts like this contribute tremendously in helping HRWA fulfill its mission of protecting the State Scenic Harpeth River and clean water in Tennessee.

About Harpeth River Watershed Association

Founded in 1999, The Harpeth River Watershed Association (HRWA) is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit, science-based, conservation organization dedicated to the restoration and protection the State Scenic Harpeth River and clean water in Tennessee. Today, the Harpeth's water quality, fish, wildlife and recreation values are threatened by sewage pollution and excessive water withdrawals. To effect change, HRWA collaborates with landowners, businesses, local, state and federal decision makers, and others. HRWA works to put solutions in place to reduce pollution, implement restorations, and maintain healthy areas so that the Harpeth River and its tributaries can progress towards water quality standards set for people and wildlife.

The 125-mile-long Harpeth River begins in Eagleville, TN, and flows through both rural and developed landscapes, including through the heart of one of the fastest growing regions of the country, before emptying into the Cumberland River near Ashland City. The Harpeth River is part of the biologically unique river systems of the Southeast that contain some of the greatest variety of aquatic life in the world. The Harpeth River Watershed includes the main river and over 1,000 miles of tributaries that drain an area of land approximately 870 square miles across Rutherford, Williamson, Davidson, Hickman, Dickson and Cheatham counties in Middle Tennessee. One of Tennessee's few free flowing rivers, the Harpeth is a State Scenic River as it runs through Nashville's Davidson County. For more information, please visit www.harpethriver.org.

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