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New Suffolk Business Aims to Get More Food to More People

SUFFOLK, Virginia (May 18, 2021) – An innovative new company in Suffolk has big plans. GoGreen Farms & Greenhouses has set up operations at Virginia Regional Commerce Park, located at Virginia Regional Drive, off of Route 460/Holland Road. By working with a network of local farms and producers, the company will be able to distribute food to organizations such as schools and military campuses.

GoGreen's founder and President, Breon Clemons, created the company because he saw a need for greater links between small farms and institutions seeking local food. He sympathizes with small farms having difficulty competing because they lack relationships with supply chain infrastructure and have challenges with insurance requirements and delivery minimums. Also troubling to him was the fact that area institutions, such as schools and businesses, find it problematic to find a consistent source of local quality produce. From that, GoGreen aims to forge close relationships with farms of all sizes, and to provide essential services including distribution of fresh, high-quality food to those who need it.

Being a Suffolk native and Nansemond River High School graduate, Breon is especially sensitive to the importance of forming lasting relationships with key players in your community. The community partnerships, Breon believes, are the building block to the company's success.

"I am ecstatic to be back in my hometown where it all started for me," said Breon. "It's a dream come true to be able to establish a business of this magnitude that directly impacts the community I spent most of my childhood in. I'm thrilled to see the opportunity and direction where Suffolk is heading, and have nothing but gratitude to be a part of it."

"We are so happy to work with GoGreen on this project to bring fresh foods to families who need it," remarked Suffolk Mayor Michael Duman. "It is a win-win to align our valuable farmers with their neighbors."

The agribusiness will take up approximately 70,000 square-feet of space in Building A at the industrial park. They will store farm food items there before they are trucked to clients across Virginia. Fruits, vegetables, eggs, dairy, packaged snacks, and value-added products such as organic produce, are among the items GoGreen sources and delivers. The company is currently working with over two hundred schools in nine school systems.

Colliers International represented the landlord in the deal.

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