

GrowGeneration Appoints Tony Sullivan as Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer

DENVER, Nov. 5, 2019 /PRNewswire/ - <u>GrowGeneration</u> Corp. (OTCQX: GRWG), ("GrowGen" or the "Company") the largest chain of specialty retail hydroponic and organic garden centers, with currently 25 locations, today announced that the company has named Tony Sullivan as Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of GrowGeneration, responsible for all operating departments and divisions, including Finance, Store Operations, E-commerce, Commercial, HR, Supply Chain / Logistics, Purchasing / Merchandise Planning, IT / IT Operations, Real Estate, Lease Administration, Store Maintenance, New Store Growth & Construction, and Administration. As of today, Joe Prinzivalli will be stepping away from his current role as the Chief Operating Officer and transitioning into a new role as Chief Technology Officer, continuing to lead our successful ERP implementation. Tony will report to Darren Lampert, Founder and CEO and Michael Salaman, Founder and President.



Darren Lampert, CEO stated, "We're thrilled to have Tony on our team as we continue to execute our business plan to be the largest hydroponic chain of garden centers in the world. Tony will work with our team in all operating areas, including but not be limited to, providing unwavering support to the 25 GrowGeneration stores, commercial sales team and leveraging synergies amongst interconnected departments, forging ahead with systematic

technological improvements. Tony will be in the field, directly connecting with our sales teams and stores, working to drive more efficiencies across all areas of our company."

Tony Sullivan stated, "As I was looking for my next executive challenge, GrowGeneration checked all of my boxes. Great foundation of a specialty supply chain business, knowledgeable staff and a growth trajectory that I can work with the team to maximize profitability and operating efficiencies. One of my favorite quotes is: 'Growth is never by mere chance; it is the result of forces working together.'"

About Tony Sullivan:

Tony most recently served as Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of Forman Mills, a \$300 million Private Equity sponsored business, prior to that Senior Vice President Operations for Dollar Express, a \$500 million carve-out of 330 Family Dollar stores in 36 states, Private Equity sponsored business. Prior to Dollar Express, he was employed at Anna's Linens for 9+ years where he served in several operating roles, most recently as SVP, Chief Operating Officer. Previously Tony served for 20+ years at Foot Locker Inc. leading 2100 + stores, 3 Divisions (Foot Locker, Kids Foot Locker and Foot Action) over \$2.5B in sales as VP Store Operations.

Tony is known and respected for his expertise in wide-range governance, hypergrowth, and macro-level strategic management methodologies, with an emphasis on identifying and addressing business infrastructure to position organizations for expansion and profitability. He has achieved outstanding success scaling businesses for rapid profits and market dominance in start-ups, private, PE-backed, and public companies with revenues up to \$2.5B+.

About GrowGeneration Corp.:

GrowGen owns and operates specialty retail hydroponic and organic gardening stores. Currently, GrowGen has 25 stores, which include 5 locations in Colorado, 5 locations in California, 2 locations in Nevada, 1 location in Washington, 4 locations in Michigan, 1 location in Rhode Island, 4 locations in Oklahoma, and 3 locations in Maine. GrowGen also operates an online superstore for cultivators, located at HeavyGardens.com. GrowGen carries and sells thousands of products, including organic nutrients and soils, advanced lighting technology and state of the art hydroponic equipment to be used indoors and outdoors by commercial and home growers. Our mission is to own and operate GrowGeneration branded stores in all the major states in the U.S. and Canada. Management estimates that roughly 1,000 hydroponic stores are in operation in the U.S. By 2020 the market is estimated to reach over \$23 billion with a compound annual growth.

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