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Community Gathers to Celebrate Local McDonald's Reopening

ALLEGHENY TOWNSHIP, PA (December 14, 2009) –Last Saturday

McDonald's® hosted a ribbon cutting ceremony for the newly rebuilt restaurant located at 481 Hyde Park Rd in Vandergrift.

The morning began as the Kiski High School Marching Band, who are 2009 Bands of America Regional Grand Champions and 2009 PIMBA Champions, marched down the street from Kiski High School to the McDonald's restaurant, escorted by the Allegheny Police and world famous Ronald McDonald. There was an official flag raising ceremony led by various Scouts of every age level and an Eagle Scout. The ribbon itself was dressed in a cash donation that went to the Allegheny Township Fire Department.

State, Federal and Local government officials, local Chamber members, Mayors, Builders, McDonald's Corporation members and many other members of the community attended the event.

The restaurant opened in late November when hundreds formed a line outside the restaurant in anticipation of the opening. Dozens even camped out at the restaurant the night before in hopes of being one of the first 100 to receive a Big Mac Card that offers one free Big Mac Sandwich once a week for an entire year.

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The Leechburg/Vandergrift McDonald's located in Allegheny Township is one of 20 McDonald's restaurants that are owned and operated by M&J Management Corporation, a local three-generation family business and McDonald's franchise organization for more than 50 years. Allegheny Township McDonald's Owner/Operator Dan Delligatti is grandson to Jim "MJ" Delligatti, the company's founder who opened the first McDonald's restaurant in Pennsylvania on McKnight Road in Pittsburgh in 1957. MJ is also the inventor of the world famous Big Mac[®] sandwich and helped pioneer breakfast at McDonald's.

"We are all excited to offer our customers the best that McDonald's restaurants have to offer," said Dan Delligatti. "Diners who want to sit down and relax while enjoying their meals will like the updated facilities, while travelers on the go can grab a bite and get back on the road more quickly and more conveniently than ever with the double lane drive-thru."

The new restaurant features advanced convenience to the everyday dining experience with the state-of-the-art double lane 24-hour drive-thru service and a sleek, contemporary décor accented with nostalgic watercolor pictures that hung on the walls of the original restaurant. The dining room also includes several flat screen televisions and tabletops of historical community photographs.

The new Allegheny Township McDonald's is thrilled to be one of the first restaurants in the nation to sell their new product, Frappes. Available in caramel and mocha flavors, the blended ice coffee drink will be introduced to the McCafe coffee line-up in the Pittsburgh region throughout the year.

Also, opening in Spring 2010 is a brand new, one-of-a-kind patio design. The new patio area promises to be not only relaxing and functional, but will utilize sustainable materials in the décor components.

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“We are all very excited about the beautiful new patio design that will seat up to 40 people,” Delligatti continued.

About McDonald's

McDonald's is the leading foodservice retailer in the global consumer marketplace, with more than 34,000 restaurants in 110 countries. More than 85 percent of McDonald's restaurant businesses are locally owned and operated by independent entrepreneurs who live in the communities where they do business. For more information, please visit <http://mcdonaldspghtristate.com>.

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