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Cape Girardeau, Missouri - Saint Francis Medical Center announced a new partnership with My Daddy's Cheesecake. When Saint Francis' new patient tower opens July 1, The Friends Café in the new lobby will feature food and dessert items from the popular local restaurant, creating a central location for patients' families, visitors and friends to gather for a snack or in respite from the patient care environment.

Kevin Stanfield, co-owner of My Daddy's Cheesecake, says the menu will be very close to that of the main store. "We will have breakfast items in the morning – breakfast sandwiches, oatmeal, muffins, Danishes, fruit, yogurt and granola, biscuits and gravy, juice, coffee, etc. – and throughout the day and the evening we will offer salads, soups, wraps and sandwiches made to order, or grab-n-go salads, wraps, sandwiches and desserts," he says. "We'll also have cookies, pastries, cupcakes, diabetic-friendly desserts and – of course – cheesecake!"

The Friends Café will be staffed by My Daddy's Cheesecake employees and will be open 7 am-7 pm Monday through Friday and 8 am-3 pm Saturday and Sunday.

The Friends of Saint Francis raised \$85,000 in support of The Friends Café by My Daddy's Cheesecake as part of the Building on Excellence expansion and

renovation project.

"Sometimes, it's just nice to escape the stresses of a hospital," says Debbie Balsano, president of The Friends Board of Directors. "The Friends Café will offer a comfortable gathering place for families and visitors, as well as a convenient location for them to grab a quick sandwich, coffee or dessert."

Saint Francis Medical Center is a 284-bed facility serving more than 650,000 people throughout Missouri, Illinois, Kentucky, Tennessee and Arkansas. Guided by its mission to provide a ministry of healing and wellness inspired by its Christian philosophy and values, the Medical Center has become a progressive, innovative regional tertiary care referral center. Saint Francis' major service lines, which have received national recognition, include the Neurosciences Institute; Orthopedic Institute; Family BirthPlace, featuring the region's first Level III Neonatal Intensive Care Unit; Heart Hospital; Emergency and Level III Trauma Center with Convenient Care; Cancer Institute; and Fitness Plus. Saint Francis is proud to be the only employer in Missouri ranked on Modern Healthcare magazine's prestigious Best Places to Work in Healthcare list for six consecutive years (2008-2013).

Shown in the photo: Alex Ogburn (left), Vice President – Ambulatory Services at Saint Francis Medical Center, announced the addition of The Friends Café by My Daddy's Cheesecake to the lobby of the new patient tower currently under construction as part of the Building on Excellence expansion and renovation project. The new building will open July 1. From left: Susan, Kevin and Zach Stanfield, My Daddy's Cheesecake; Debbie Balsano, president, The Friends of Saint Francis; and Rich Rathert, director of Food and Nutrition Services at Saint Francis.

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