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Christiana Care Health System Opens Au Bon Pain at the Blue Granite Café at Wilmington Hospital

(WILMINGTON, Del. – Oct. 9) [Christiana Care Health System](#) will celebrate the opening of the new Au Bon Pain at the Blue Granite Café in Wilmington Hospital on Friday, Oct. 10th from 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

The opening of the café at Christiana Care’s Wilmington Hospital marks the first venture of the popular bakery and café chain into Delaware. The opening also represents the latest milestone in Christiana Care’s \$210 million investment in the Wilmington Hospital Transformation Project.

“Our partnership with Au Bon Pain enables us to provide access to delicious and healthy new food options for our neighbors and employees,” said Ray Seigfried, senior vice president of administration at Christiana Care Health System. “This historic opening advances our commitment at Christiana Care to not only care for our neighbors when they are sick, but also to help them live healthy lifestyles when they are outside of our clinical care.”

Au Bon Pain provides delicious and healthy new food options and has repeatedly earned Health Magazine’s distinction as one of America’s Top 5 Healthiest Restaurants. Founded in Boston in 1978 with the idea to make wonderful authentic fresh breads and croissants, Au Bon Pain now operates more than 300 cafés worldwide. Au Bon Pain will open another cafe this spring at Christiana Hospital’s main lobby.

“We pride ourselves on offering discerning guests fresh and healthy options,” said Au Bon Pain CEO Sue Morelli. “Our menu spans all day parts from morning to night and our service system allows the guest to choose between made-to-order sandwiches or salads or tasty pre-made options for the guest on the run.”

The opening of Au Bon Pain brings Christiana Care closer to completion of the Wilmington Hospital Transformation Project, which, upon completion next spring, expands the hospital by 337,000 square feet. The redesign and transformation of Wilmington Hospital began with construction in 2009 and improvements include:

- A new main lobby that provides a more accessible and welcoming entrance for patients and visitors.
- An expanded Emergency Department with state-of-the-science treatment rooms to handle complex patient needs.
- An expanded, 30-bed unit for the Center for Advanced Joint Replacement.

- A new intensive care unit.
- 13 larger, technologically advanced operating rooms in the new surgical suite.
- A 51,000-square-foot, state-of-the-art medical office building, allowing more physicians to practice on-site.
- A tranquil atrium and healing garden.

Throughout the construction, Christiana Care's Wilmington Hospital Campus has remained completely operational, providing full services and care to patients and their loved ones.

The Wilmington Hospital campus has served the community for nearly 125 years, meeting the diverse medical needs of the city and surrounding region.

About Au Bon Pain

Founded in 1978, Au Bon Pain ("the place of good bread") has grown into an internationally recognized leader in the fast casual restaurant category. The chain's signature items – breads, pastries, sandwiches, salads, soups, and coffee – are served in welcoming café environments emphasizing quick service and hospitality. Au Bon Pain offers consumers a wide array of delicious, nutritional foods, and over the last three years has earned Health Magazine's designation as one of America's Top 5 Healthiest Restaurants.

Au Bon Pain operates in six key trade channels including urban office buildings, hospitals, universities, transportation centers, museums, and malls, with locations ranging from 300-square-foot satellites to 6,500-square-foot cafés with 100-plus seats. It currently operates in over 310 locations in the U.S. and internationally. Additional information about Au Bon Pain, which is headquartered in Boston, may be found at www.aubonpain.com.

About Christiana Care Health System

Christiana Care Health System is one of the country's largest health care providers, ranking as the 22nd leading hospital in the nation and 12th on the East Coast in terms of admissions. A not-for-profit teaching hospital affiliated with Sidney Kimmel Medical College at Thomas Jefferson University, Christiana Care is recognized as a regional center for excellence in cardiology, cancer and women's health services. Christiana Care is home to Delaware's only Level I trauma center, the highest capability center and the only one of its kind between Philadelphia and Baltimore. Christiana Care also features a Level III neonatal intensive care unit, the only delivering hospital in Delaware that offers the highest level of non-surgical care to the most critically ill newborns. Christiana Care includes two hospitals with 1,100 patient beds, a home health care service, preventive medicine, rehabilitation services, a network of primary care physicians and an extensive range of outpatient services.

For more information about Christiana Care, visit www.christianacare.org/howweare.

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