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COVELLI ENTERPRISES AND NATIONWIDE CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL CUT RIBBON AT NEW PANERA BREAD LOCATION FRIDAY

Covelli Enterprises to Present \$50,000 Check to Nationwide Children's Hospital

[Columbus, OH] Colton Meier, Panera Bread Director of Operations, Dr. Steve Allen, Nationwide Children's Hospital Chief Executive Officer and Jim Digan, Nationwide Children's Hospital Foundation President will cut the ribbon at a formal event this Friday, January 13 at 10:00 a.m. at the new Panera Bread location at 611 E. Livingston Avenue across from the main hospital.

The new café opened its doors on December 13, 2016. Covelli Enterprises, the largest franchisee of Panera Bread, currently operates more than 300 Panera Bread locations in six states and in Canada including 45 in Central Ohio.

"We couldn't be more proud of our relationship with Nationwide Children's Hospital, so we are thrilled to expand it with a location on the main hospital's campus," said Sam Covelli, Owner/Operator of Covelli Enterprises. "We look forward to providing healthy food options in a clean, warm and welcoming environment for all Nationwide Children's Hospital doctors, staff, and patients and continuing our support of the wonderful work being done at the hospital."

"Panera is a great partner for Nationwide Children's," stated Patty McClimon, Senior Vice President of Strategic and Facilities Planning. "This new location will offer healthy meal options in a fast, friendly environment for our staff and patient families. And on behalf of the patients we serve, we sincerely appreciate the \$50,000 gift, which is just the latest example of Panera's ongoing support of our mission."

Covelli Enterprises is proud to partner with NCH on many fundraising efforts, including sponsoring the Angel Mile of the Columbus Marathon. The Angel Mile honors children patients who have lost their lives. Covelli Enterprises has been a long-time supporter of the Memorial Tournament's Bears for Children's program. The company also collects funds for NCH at the registers of its Central Ohio Panera Bread locations as part of its Operation Dough-Nation program. Covelli Enterprises will be presenting a check to Nationwide Children's Hospital for \$50,000 from the 2016 fundraising efforts.

More about Covelli Enterprises

Covelli Enterprises is the largest franchisee of Panera Bread, LLC with more than 300 bakery-café's in six states and in Canada. In 2016, the company donated more than \$28 million to charity through unsold bread products for local hunger relief agencies and monetary donations to other non-profit organizations.
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