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**Glenwood Wendy's Hosting Grand Reopening Friday, November 14th**

*Village grant program helped make major remodel possible*

Glenwood, IL – One of the most successful restaurants in the Wendy's® Restaurant franchise is located in Glenwood and it's formally reopening on Friday November 14<sup>th</sup>, unveiling a state-of-art soft drink dispenser to offer customers a whole new experience.

Nate Hull, Senior District Manager, chuckles, "This machine is free-style. It offers every Coca-Cola® product imaginable; Cherry Sprite, Hi-C Orange Vanilla, Power Aid Zero with Raspberry and Lime, Orange Coke – we have more than 101 flavors."

Wendy's, located at 18257 S. Halsted, closed for just three weeks for the complete remodel and now has a new dining room, new restrooms, new kitchen, new exterior, and new landscaping. "It's really a whole new restaurant but, of course, with the same high quality Wendy's menu."

Hull notes the Village of Glenwood's commitment to Wendy's by making available a grant for a portion of the remodel costs. "The Village helped make this happen for us." Mayor Kerry Durkin will be on hand to help cut the ribbon at 2 pm, along with Tony Allegro, Wendy's Director of Operations, and Mike Allegro, Owner of multiple Wendy's in the Chicago Southland.

From 2 pm until 4 pm, coupons, free Frosties® and free fries samples will be distributed, and the soft drink dispenser will be demonstrated, making this a real party for everyone who visits.

The franchise currently employs 48 workers and is seeking to hire more. "The holiday season is busy for us and we want to make sure we are fully staffed and ready to serve." Hull's pride in his company is evident in every word. "I've been with Wendy's for twelve years now, starting as an Assistant Manager and then getting promoted every year and a half or so. As Wendy's expanded, so did my role within the company."

This particular Wendy's, remarks Hull, has always been very family oriented. "We get over 1,200 customers here each day and every one gets a warm welcome. Wendy's starts with 'We' and we will own customer experiences to make people comfortable. I worked in this Wendy's for six years awhile back," reflects Hull. "I will love seeing my regular customers at this Grand Opening."

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