



LongHorn Steakhouse Brings the Spirit of the West to Homestead

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LongHorn Steakhouse today announced the opening of its newest restaurant at 2531 NE 8th Street in Homestead, Fla. The Homestead location is the 51st LongHorn Steakhouse to open in Florida and the seventh in the greater Miami/Ft. Lauderdale area. As part of its pre-opening training period, the restaurant recently hosted a Friends and Family night which helped raise more than \$1,000 for First Women's Center of Homestead.

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"We're excited to be open for business and appreciate the warm welcome we have received from the local community," said Robert Click, Managing Partner of the new Homestead location. "We look forward to helping our guests relax and unwind in an inviting atmosphere while savoring a great steakhouse meal served with genuine western hospitality. We're also pleased we could help support First Women's Center of Homestead and look forward to making more contributions to the local community for many years to come."

LongHorn, which was named America's Favorite Steakhouse in 2008 by Restaurants & Institutions annual Consumers' Choice in Chains study, is known for its passion for grilling fresh, tender, juicy steaks including the signature hand-seasoned Flo's Filet and the bone-in Outlaw Ribeye. And there's more on the menu than just great steaks. LongHorn grill masters love to grill fresh fish and chicken in addition to steak. Items such as LongHorn Salmon, a fresh, hand-cut salmon fillet seasoned with a bourbon marinade; fall-off-the-bone tender Baby Back Ribs; and Sierra Chicken, two grilled chicken breasts topped with fresh, tomato-basil salsa, are just some of the other specialties guests will find on the menu.

The restaurant opens daily at 11 a.m. for lunch. It's open until 10 p.m. Sunday-Thursday and until 11 p.m. on Friday and Saturday.

About LongHorn Steakhouse

More than 25 years after opening its first restaurant in Atlanta, today LongHorn Steakhouse operates more than 300 restaurants in 30 states. LongHorn is a division of Darden Restaurants, Inc. (NYSE: DRI), the world's largest full-service restaurant operating company. For more information about LongHorn, please visit www.longhornsteakhouse.com.

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