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Halifax Regional Welcomes New Executive Chef

ROANOKE RAPIDS, NC (January 12, 2015)—Halifax Regional proudly welcomes a new executive chef. Daniel Lees will oversee the Medical Center's Food and Nutrition services. Lees joins Halifax Regional with over 25 years experience in foodservice. Lees will serve as General Manager under the Medical Center's contract agreement with Sodexo.

"Daniel's years of culinary and managerial experience are a welcome addition to Halifax Regional. His personal philosophy about food and nutrition are truly in sync with the mission of our organization to build a healthier community. Said Bruce Robistow, FACHE, vice president, Clinical & Support Services, Halifax Regional. His improvements to our menu and foodservice experience will benefit patients, staff, and the community we serve daily."

Lees is coming at a perfect time. The Medical Center is less than two weeks away from unveiling a completely renovated cafeteria later this month. The new cafeteria will be very inviting and have a modern feel, while also improving customer flow.

He is a chef by trade and has worked in and managed restaurants, country clubs, private catering companies, but mostly in contract management companies. He has managed K-12 programs, collegiate dining, corporate dining, long term care and hospital accounts across the country. During his tenure with Sodexo for the past 7+ years, Lees has served as a General Manager, Chef, and Area General Manager.

A couple of Daniel's priorities include maintaining exceptionally high food safety standards along with introducing a new café menu focused on Sodexo's Mindful platform which offers fully satisfying portions with fewer calories and great taste.

Relocating from Western Pennsylvania is Lees' wife Christine. He also has two children, son Joseph, daughter Desiree, and puppy Madeline. In his free time he likes to cook, read, spend time with his family, and golf. He is looking forward to launching the new dining area and working with the staff to create lots of good food to nourish the patients, employees, and community members.

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About Halifax Regional

Halifax Regional Medical Center is licensed for 204 beds, including psychiatric and nursery. A non-profit organization, Halifax Regional is fully accredited by the Joint Commission. For more information, visit www.halifaxregional.org.

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