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HOMEWOOD SUITES CHARLOTTE AIRPORT COMPLETES MANAGEMENT TRANSITION

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The Homewood Suites by Hilton - Charlotte Airport announces the management transition as a Vista Host hotel is complete. Since taking over the management of the hotel, Vista Host has assembled a strong sales and management team, along with several amenity upgrades such as rebuilding the wireless network that offers FREE high-speed Internet access to all guest suites.

General Manager, Cindi Obermeyer stated, “The hotel has completed several initiatives that make the property a better value for our guests. Now that we have our team in place, we are looking forward to continuing the tradition of excellent service which our clients have come to expect.”

The hotel invested a significant amount of capital improvement dollars into the wireless Internet infrastructure shortly after Vista Host assumed management of the property. All guests now enjoy the complimentary high-speed wireless Internet access throughout the property including the lobby area and meeting rooms.

Other changes include the creation of a dynamic sales team. The most recent addition to the team is Sales Manager, Beth Bobrek. She joins General Manager, Cindi Obermeyer, and Sales Manager, Keia Mack in the sales effort. Beth brings to the hotel nearly ten years of hospitality industry experience. Much of this time was spent in the local Charlotte market. Ms. Mack commented, “Having Beth as part of our sales effort is a welcomed addition, as it will allow us to have a concentrated and focused effort on our key clients.” Keia has been with the hotel for several months and brings extended stay hotel experience in the Charlotte area to the team.

When asked about some of the other improvements to the hotel, Ms. Obermeyer immediately mentions the Internet upgrade and changes to the social hour functions.

Each Monday through Thursday the hotel sponsors a social gathering from 5:30 to 7:30 with special themed nights. Recently the hotel hosted a Hawaiian Luau gathering, complete with sensational tropical fruit. Beth Bobrek remarked that the guests really appreciate the effort the hotel is exuding to make the environment fun and entertaining. Future gatherings include a Cajun night and local sports motif.

About Vista Host

The Homewood Suites by Hilton – Charlotte Airport is managed by Vista Host - a Houston based hotel management company serving owners of Hampton Inn, Hampton Inn & Suites, Holiday Inn Express, Fairfield Inn & Suites by Marriott, Courtyard by Marriott, Residence Inn by Marriott, Hawthorn Suites, Homewood Suites, Comfort Suites, and AmeriSuites. Founded in 1977 by Michael V. Harrell, Vista Host operates 34 hotels throughout the United States. To learn more about Vista Host and their other managed limited feature properties, visit www.vistahost.com.

About the Homewood Suites by Hilton – Charlotte Airport

The Homewood Suites by Hilton - Charlotte Airport has a commitment to provide exceptional service and maintain guest loyalty. The hotel offers 102 professionally decorated one and two bedroom suites, all with fully equipped kitchens. In addition to the FREE high-speed Internet access and social events, guests enjoy a hot complimentary breakfast buffet seven days a week, convenient airport shuttle service, a fitness center, pool, business center, and an onsite Suite Shop®.

Charlotte's Homewood Suites Airport hotel participates in the industry leading Hilton HHonors Loyalty program which allows its members to DoubleDip by simultaneously accumulating both hotel points and airline miles with each qualifying stay.

The Homewood Suites by Hilton – Charlotte Airport is located at 2770 Yorkmont Dr., Charlotte, NC 28208. The hotel is one mile from the Charlotte Douglas International Airport, minutes away from downtown, and across from the Charlotte Coliseum. To learn more, visit www.homewoodsuitescharlotte.com

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