



**FriendShip**

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## **FriendShip Kitchen to Open Newest Store in Sandusky, OH on November 21, 2019**

*Private event Kicks Off the opening with tastings of our FriendShip Kitchen food*

**FREMONT, OH (November 7, 2019)** – FriendShip Stores, Ohio’s leading food, convenience and fuel retailer is getting ready to open another ground-up FriendShip Kitchen store in Sandusky, OH. This 5,000 square foot store marks the third new-concept store the company has built in the past 18 months. The company also remodeled three existing stores during that same time-frame, positioning FriendShip Kitchen to be one of the hottest, fastest growing new brands in the Buckeye State. The new store is one of 26 FriendShip stores the company operates along the shores of Lake Erie, from Cleveland to Toledo.

Pre-opening activities will begin with a private, invitation-only event for friends, families, supply partners and local dignitaries. “Our VIP event is a special opportunity for our FriendShip hosts to show off their new store and for our guests to enjoy a sneak preview of the store and a private tasting of FriendShip Kitchen’s latest culinary delights,” explained Chelsea Carvalho, Food Service Specialist.

Doors are set to open to the public at 7:00 pm EST on Thursday, November 21, 2019. During the opening week, guests will be treated to free coffee and cappuccinos, free fountain soda, product sampling, and other specials from the FriendShip Kitchen.

Located at 4024 Hayes Avenue in Sandusky (just off of Route 2 at the corner of Route 4 and West Strub Road), this new store features a proprietary FriendShip Kitchen restaurant and offers FriendShip Fuel. All guests are welcome to join the FriendShip Rewards program for free and can download the FriendShip Rewards app to their phone to track points, redeem points for free merchandise and fuel discounts, and enjoy member only prices on fuel and designated food and merchandise.

FriendShip Kitchen meals are freshly prepared on premises. “Our Guests rave about FriendShip Famous Chicken,” said VP of Food Service, Ed Burcher. “It’s double hand-breaded and comes in original and spicy recipes. Other favorites include our made fresh wraps and salads, and FriendShip savory crust pizza. Chicken Bacon Ranch and Buffalo Chicken pizzas, both made with FriendShip Famous Chicken, are our top sellers,” continued Burcher. “There is something for everyone all through the day - from oven baked breakfast pizza, stuffed burritos, and waffle with egg sandwiches for breakfast, paired with coffee made from premium roasted beans. Our lunch and dinner choices range from salads to sandwiches, pizza and FriendShip’s signature double hand-breaded chicken. Our FriendShip Kitchen chefs and hosts are amazing, always making sure our meals are Fresh, Delicious, and Ready each time you visit.”

The store will be led by Kim Branham, General Manager and employee of FriendShip for over 19 years, along with District Manager Mary Priddy who has been employed by FriendShip for over 24 years. Other management leaders include Food Service Manager Cory Beach and Assistant Store Manager Karreye Cooper.

## **About Beck Suppliers**

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