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**Wawa Officially Breaks Ground on Huber Heights, OH, Location and Kicks Off Support to Local Food Bank**  
*Groundbreaking Marks Start of Construction; Details Shared on Timeline and Announcement of Community Support*

(September 10, 2024) – Wawa, a privately held, family and associate-owned chain of more than 1,060 convenience retail stores currently operating in eight states and Washington, D.C., officially broke ground on its Huber Heights store located at **4949 Chambersburg Road, Huber Heights, Ohio, 45424**. The event welcomed VIP customers, state and local officials and charity partners to mark the start of construction on Wawa’s first stores in the Miami Valley.

“We are thrilled to begin construction on our Huber Heights store officially launching our expansion in the Miami Valley and getting us closer to bringing the unique Wawa experience to new customers in more new markets,” said Joe Collins, Director of Store Operations for Wawa. “We look forward to continuing to spread our wings in Ohio and can’t wait to get started serving our new friends and neighbors.”

**About Wawa’s Growth & Expansion in Ohio**

Over the next six to nine months, Wawa plans to have several Ohio stores under construction in Cincinnati, Liberty Township, Fairfield, Mason, Huber Heights, Tipp City, Miami Township and Wilmington. In 2025, Wawa projects opening eleven stores in Ohio. Over the next 5-8 years, Wawa plans to build and open **6-10 stores per year in Ohio, with expectations to open up to 60 stores in the state**. Wawa currently has more than 20 sites under contract across Ohio counties including: Allen, Butler, Clermont, Greene, Hamilton, Miami, Montgomery, and Warren. To build each store, Wawa will invest more than \$7.5 million and employ, on average, 140 contractors and local partners. Once open, each store will employ an average of 35 associates, with Wawa expecting to create 2,500 new, long-term new jobs as a result of expansion in Ohio.

**Community Grants Awarded**

As part of the groundbreaking, Wawa and The Wawa Foundation announced contributions to local community partners. The FoodBank received a grant of \$10,000 from The Wawa Foundation Fly Beyond Fund, a signature initiative to fight food insecurity and support programs providing good, nutritious food to build healthy habits and help kids thrive. The funds were part of a \$1.5 million key issue grant awarded to food bank partners in Wawa’s operating area. In honor of Feeding America Hunger Action Month, Wawa also announced a grant to match individual donations (up to \$5,000) made to The FoodBank during September.

“The Wawa Foundation is thrilled to provide a Fly Beyond grant to our Dayton food bank partners for programs providing consistent access to nutritious and healthy meals for kids,” said Elizabeth Simeone, President of The Wawa Foundation. “We are also excited to inspire others to support the mission and work of The FoodBank by providing a \$5,000 match for individual donations made during Feeding America Hunger Action Month.”

Finally, The Wawa Foundation announced a \$2,500 grant to The USO Midwest in support of holiday events for families at Wright-Patterson AFB and announced its commitment to Special Olympics Ohio to support Polar Plunges in the greater Dayton region and Miami Valley in 2025 with a sponsorship, volunteers and in-kind donations from the Wawa Community Care coffee truck.

**About Wawa, Inc.**

Wawa, Inc., a privately held company, began in 1803 as an iron foundry in New Jersey. Toward the end of the 19th Century, owner George Wood took an interest in dairy farming and the family began a small processing plant in Wawa, PA in 1902. The milk business was a huge success, due to its quality, cleanliness and “certified” process. As home delivery of milk declined in the early 1960s, Grahame Wood, George’s grandson, opened the first Wawa Food Market in 1964 in Pennsylvania as an outlet for dairy products. Today, Wawa is your all day, every day stop for freshly prepared foods, beverages, coffee, fuel services and surcharge-free ATMs. Wawa stores are located in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, Florida, North Carolina, Alabama and, D.C. with more than 1,060 locations to date. The stores offer a large fresh foodservice selection, including Wawa brands such as custom prepared hoagies, freshly-brewed coffee, hot breakfast sandwiches, hand-crafted specialty beverages, a dinner menu including burgers and an assortment of soups, sides and snacks. Forbes.com Ranks Wawa as #20 of America’s Largest Private Companies, #1 in Convenience Category for America’s Best Customer Service by Newsweek. Visit [www.wawa.com/hello](http://www.wawa.com/hello) to stay up to date on local events.