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Holthaus begins tenure as hospital’s Food and Nutrition Services Director

(November 18, 2009) – Salina Regional Health Center welcomes Max Holthaus today as the new Director of Food and Nutrition Services. Holthaus is a familiar name to many in the community after spending the past 28 years in food and catering services at the Salina Country Club with most of that time in the position of general manager.

Hospital food service is nothing new to Holthaus however. Prior to coming to Salina he spent time as food service director at Freeman Hospital in Joplin, Mo., and Trinity Lutheran Hospital in Kansas City, Mo.

“At the country club we provided just about all aspects of food service from formal dining and buffet lines to catering and events,” Holthaus said. “It’s really not that different in a hospital setting where you have cafeteria lines, patient meals and meetings. There’s a demand for everything and a lot of it is about managing costs and delivering a product that pleases the customer.”

Meeting special dietary requirements prescribed to patients is a challenge Holthaus is also looking forward to.

“I’m looking forward to working with the dietitians,” Holthaus says. “Even if you can’t have salt, or there are other requirements, the flavor still has to be great. There are creative ways to put meals together that are flavorful, but still meet special dietary requirements.”

Food service at Salina Regional consistently ranks above the 90th percentile on patient satisfaction surveys and has been a source of pride for the hospital many years.

“We’re delighted to have Max and his creative, imaginative and innovative talents coming to the hospital,” says David Moody, Vice President of Human Resources. “We expect

our trends of high patient satisfaction to continue, and we're really looking forward to Max's leadership and the direction of hospital food service in the future."

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