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# **New café at Heritage Discovery Center to be known as “Galliker’s Café”**

## ***Galliker’s makes donation in support of JAHA capital campaign***

**Johnstown, PA** -- The Galliker Dairy Co. and the Johnstown Area Heritage Association today announced that the new café at the Heritage Discovery Center will be named the “Galliker’s Café.” Galliker’s has made a donation in support of JAHA’s current capital campaign, “Perserving Our Heritage: Revitalizing Our Community.”

The café will be an integral part of the Johnstown Children’s Museum. Both the café and the museum are slated to open this summer.

“We’re very excited to be here today helping to kick off a venture that will benefit children of all ages. The Johnstown Area Heritage Association has done a wonderful job helping to preserve this area’s local heritage,” said Lou Galliker, chairman and president of Galliker Dairy Co. “The Galliker’s Café and Children’s Museum are sure to provide children and their families with countless hours of learning, exploring and fun. As a family-owned business, we believe it is important to foster opportunities for children and our local communities.”

To create the café, large windows that provide a view of the Heritage Discovery Center courtyard were added to a previously unused space on the building’s first floor. An area that was originally a loading dock during the building’s industrial past now serves as the café patio, and chairs and tables will be placed there during temperate months. Kitchen equipment, an entrance from the courtyard, a restroom, and tile floor complete the space.

Most notably, the café features a 1954 counter and stools from Linderman’s Elite, which was located at Market and Main Streets. The stainless steel counter is surrounded by a composite marble front. The counter, stools and marble front were donated to JAHA by Marvin and Melinda Baker, who had them in their home for many years after the Elite closed.

In addition, the café is decorated with historic photographs and memorabilia from the Galliker Dairy Co., which has been a Johnstown institution since its founding in 1914. The Galliker Dairy Company, which is a third-generation, family-owned, regional business, specializes in processing/distributing milk, dairy products, ice cream and iced tea. Its products are available for sale in nine states – West Central Pennsylvania as

well as portions of Maryland, Ohio, West Virginia, Virginia, North Carolina, New Jersey, Delaware and New York. The Galliker Dairy Co. also owns and operates The Potomac Farms Dairy, a division located in Cumberland, Md.

The Galliker Dairy Co. is a longstanding supporter of the Johnstown Area Heritage Association and participates every year in the AmeriServ Johnstown FolkFest as an ice cream vendor, donating the proceeds to various area non-profit organizations. In addition, Galliker's supported JAHA's 2000 capital campaign for the first phase of the Heritage Discovery Center.

"Galliker's has always been an outstanding corporate citizen, and this gift shows that," said Ron Carnevali, chair of JAHA's board and of its capital campaign committee. "We are grateful for their leadership and support of this very important initiative, and are pleased to recognize their gift by naming the café for Galliker's."

JAHA's current \$8,050,000 campaign, "Preserving Our Heritage: Revitalizing Our Community," has been underway since 2007. It will fund several JAHA projects, including the Johnstown Children's Museum, enhancements at Festival Park, and renovations at the Johnstown Flood Museum. (See enclosed for details on the campaign.)

JAHA anticipates opening the Johnstown Children's Museum in summer 2008. The children's museum is a 7,000-square-foot facility to be located on the third floor of the Heritage Discovery Center, and will feature a variety of hands-on exhibits and learning opportunities for children. Based on the Johnstown area's ecology, industry, history and heritage, the museum will attract visitors but also serve as a resource for area families and students. The café is designed to support the Heritage Discovery Center and Johnstown Children's Museum by offering light food, snacks, coffee and ice cream to museum guests. It will begin regular operation when the Johnstown Children's Museum opens.

The Johnstown Children's Museum will complete the Johnstown Discovery Network, a linked system of group of museums, historic sites and attractions.

Specifically, the attractions in the Johnstown Discovery Network include:

- Johnstown Children's Museum
- "Mystery of Steel" Theater and Gallery
- Heritage Discovery Center
- Johnstown Flood Museum
- Festival Park
- The Inclined Plane
- National Historic Districts: downtown Johnstown and Cambria City
- The Johnstown Urban Greenway

For more information about the capital campaign and the Johnstown Children's Museum, visit [www.jaha.org](http://www.jaha.org).

The Johnstown Area Heritage Association is a non-profit, membership-based organization that owns and operates the Johnstown Flood Museum, Frank & Sylvia Pasquerilla Heritage Discovery Center and the Wagner-Ritter House & Garden. The Johnstown Children's Museum is currently under construction and will open in summer 2008. JAHA produces the AmeriServ Johnstown FolkFest as well as a variety of cultural programs throughout the year, including 1889 flood commemorative events, lectures, the Johnstown Film & Wine Festival, and more. Visit [www.jaha.org](http://www.jaha.org) for more about JAHA museums, programs and initiatives.