



Eskenazi Health, Indiana Grown expand locally sourced food offerings

INDIANAPOLIS (March 19, 2018) — Today Lt. Governor Suzanne Crouch and Dr. Lisa Harris, CEO at Eskenazi Health, announced that more locally sourced options will be available soon in Eskenazi Health's food service areas, as a result of a new partnership formed with the state's Indiana Grown initiative.

"It is more and more apparent that people want to know where their food comes from, and it's inspiring to see a health care leader like Eskenazi Health team showing their commitment to serving local sourced food from Indiana farms and suppliers," Crouch said. "By starting this new alliance, Indiana Grown will now be able to work on having more options available at Eskenazi Health."

As one of America's largest essential health care systems, Eskenazi Health has provided high-quality, cost-effective, patient-centered health care to the residents of Marion County and Central Indiana for nearly 160 years. Currently, the hospital sources 100 percent of its proteins and milk from Indiana farms.

According to Dr. Harris, nearly 40 percent of food dollars spent by Eskenazi Health go to Indiana businesses, which is a number she would like to see increased with the help of Indiana Grown.

"We actively promote the importance of healthful eating and always strive to provide good, healthful food to our community," Dr. Harris said. "This partnership with Indiana Grown aligns perfectly with our efforts, and we're looking forward to continue having more locally sourced food available to our patients, visitors and staff."

Hoosiers can expect to see a variety of Indiana Grown products within Eskenazi Health, including Circle City Kombucha, Dewig Meats, Indiana Kitchen, JohnTom's Barbeque, Miller's Amish Poultry and Red Gold. Local favorites like Batch No. 2 and Brick House Bakery will also be available.

For more information on Eskenazi Health, visit www.eskenazihealth.edu. To learn about Indiana Grown or to apply for a free membership, please visit www.indianagrown.org.

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ABOUT LT. GOV. SUZANNE CROUCH

The lieutenant governor constitutionally serves as the President of the Indiana Senate, serves as the Secretary of Agriculture and Rural Development, chairs the Indiana Counter Terrorism and Security Council and oversees these five state agencies: Indiana State Department of Agriculture, Indiana Housing and Community Development Association, Indiana Office of Defense Development, Indiana Office of Tourism Development and Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs.

ABOUT INDIANA GROWN

Indiana Grown is administered by the Indiana State Department of Agriculture in partnership with the lieutenant governor's office. The initiative educates consumers on the importance of buying Indiana

Grown products, helps Indiana farmers and producers sell more products and supports Indiana processors in their effort to process more Indiana Grown products. Indiana Grown members and partners include farmers, producers, processors and artisans, as well as retailers, grocers, hospitals and restaurants. For more information, visit www.IndianaGrown.org.

ABOUT ESKENAZI HEALTH

For nearly 160 years, Eskenazi Health has offered high-quality, cost-effective and patient-focused health care to the residents of Marion County and Central Indiana. As one of America's largest essential health-care systems, Eskenazi Health provides treatment and services to nearly 1 million outpatient visitors each year. For more information, visit www.EskenaziHealth.edu.

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