

Kohl's open for business

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Photo by Julie McClure Michelle Lagesse, with her management team and store associates, cuts the ribbon at the grand opening of the Kohl's store in Dunes Plaza Friday morning.

MICHIGAN CITY — Kohl's had a ribbon cutting and official grand opening Friday morning, celebrating the completion of the anchor store for the "new" Dunes Plaza.

Michigan City Mayor Ron Meer congratulated store manager Michelle Lagesse, her management staff and associates, as they became part of Michigan City's retail landscape.

"This is the anchor of our redevelopment efforts in this area," Meer told those assembled at the

ribbon cutting. “You have revitalized it and with the emotion, passion and commitment you have exhibited today, we know you will be successful. We look forward to having you here.”

The new Kohl’s store, at 210 Dunes Plaza across from the Marquette Mall, officially opened Sunday. It has three people on its management team and 116 associates.

Lagesse congratulated the Kohl’s staff for its hard work in putting together the store’s inventory so well and for its hard work leading up to the grand opening.

She also introduced Al Whitlow, from the Boys and Girls Club, which has already completed a service project with Kohl’s, Jim Kaczmarek from the Moose Lodge and Jim Musial, executive director of Sand Castle Shelter, as some of the public service agencies Kohl’s is working with for youth-focused programming.

Musial said Sand Castle Shelter has already benefited from the new store, as Kohl’s has donated stuffed animals and books for the children at the shelter and has pledged to continue a relationship to help needy kids in the community.

Lagesse said Kohl’s emphasizes youth-focused programming and educational opportunities and will be continuing that in Michigan City. For more about these initiatives, go to kohls.com and click on the Kohl’s Cares icon.

The Michigan City Kohl’s is one of three opening this fall, and was built according to a prototype that received Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certification at the Gold level from the U.S. Green Building Council and will pursue LEED certification in the coming months.

Features of Kohl’s LEED stores include use of more than 20 percent recycled and 20 percent regionally sourced (by cost) building materials, use of a cool white Energy Star-rated roof and water-efficient landscaping and plumbing fixtures, among many other attributes.

The Michigan City store is the 39th to open in Indiana.



Jim Musial, Executive Director of Sand Castle Shelter for Homeless Families, welcomes Kohl's Store Manager Michelle Lagesse