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DoubleTree by Hilton Schenectady Opens Following Multi-Million Dollar Makeover

SCENECTADY, N.Y. and MCLEAN, Va. – November 17, 2015 – DoubleTree by Hilton today opened DoubleTree by Hilton Schenectady, located in the center of downtown Schenectady, just blocks away from Union College and 10 miles from Albany International Airport. The 120-room hotel opens following a multi-million dollar makeover that includes updates to every inch of the hotel, including the addition of a new commercial building featuring a lobby, restaurant, lounge, meeting space, pool and exercise facility. DoubleTree by Hilton Schenectady is owned and managed by <u>Schahet Hotels</u>.

"With its beautiful renovation and world-class service, we are proud to count DoubleTree by Hilton Schenectady as the newest addition to our rapidly-expanding portfolio," said John Greenleaf, global head, DoubleTree by Hilton. "The hotel is conveniently located close to numerous businesses and local attractions in the area which will quickly enable it to become the go-to destination for business and leisure travelers, alike."

DoubleTree by Hilton Schenectady features an elegant ambiance inspired from classic design elements including warm wood tones, clean lines and a neutral color palette accented with pops of navy and plum. Additionally, the hotel offers complimentary Wi-Fi throughout the public areas and guest rooms, a 24-hour business center, 24-hour fitness center featuring Precor equipment and heated indoor pool.

DoubleTree by Hilton Schenectady offers dining at its signature restaurant, Sammy's Burgers and Bistro®, open for breakfast and dinner. Sammy's Burgers and Bistro® features an array of unique dishes such as Sammy's Special, a burger blended with brisket, chuck and porterhouse steak and

topped with American cheese, caramelized onions, lettuce, pickles and bistro sauce, as well as entrees like Salmon a la Plancha, which is served over spinach garlic and finished with lemon butter and caper white wine sauce. Guests will also be able to enjoy a variety of craft beers and gourmet cocktails, perfect for unwinding after a long day. Guests can start their day with DoubleTree by Hilton's Wake Up DoubleTree Breakfast, while those preferring to dine in the comfort of their room can conveniently order room service.

Featuring 3,700 square feet of flexible meeting space, DoubleTree by Hilton Schenectady is the ideal venue for events and receptions of up to 330 people. For smaller groups, the hotel offers the <u>Meetings</u> <u>Simplified by DoubleTree by Hilton</u> package from \$54 per person, which includes the meeting room, basic meeting Wi-Fi, meeting room supplies including a flipchart, markers, extension and power cord, and all day non-alcoholic beverage service. Catering services and a dedicated event staff are available to enhance any event.

"Schenectady is a colorful city that has been revitalized over recent years with a number of new theaters, offices and cultural events, and is becoming an increasingly popular destination for travelers from across the country," said Mounssif Slaoui, general manager, DoubleTree by Hilton Schenectady. "DoubleTree by Hilton Schenectady answers our area's growing need for a sophisticated, full service hotel that can accommodate the rising number of visitors we are seeing each year."

DoubleTree by Hilton Schenectady is conveniently located near local attractions such as the Schenectady Museum, Rotterdam Mall, SUNY, Excelsior College and Saratoga Springs. Guests can also explore Central Park, the highest spot in the city, catch a movie at the Bow Tie Cinema, experience a Broadway play at Proctor Theater or take a short drive to New York's capital in Albany, while those traveling for business will enjoy convenient access to a number of corporate offices like General Electric, Siemens, MVP, DSM, Ellis Hospital and Transfinder.

In addition to the iconic warm chocolate chip cookie welcome, guests will enjoy other DoubleTree by Hilton brand amenities, including an assortment of gourmet in-room tea and coffee choices from The Coffee Bean & Tea Leaf®, the refreshing London-based Aroma Actives natural skin and body care line, and an industry-recognized service culture built around the idea of CARE, which stands for Create a Rewarding Experience for guests, team members and the community.

DoubleTree by Hilton Schenectady participates in the Hilton HHonors® loyalty program, which is open to all guests and free to join - visit <u>here</u> for enrollment information. HHonors members always get our lowest price with our Best Price Guarantee, along with HHonors Points, free standard Wi-Fi, access to digital check-in and Digital Key, and no hidden fees, only when they book directly through Hilton. To mark the hotel's opening, Hilton HHonors members will earn 1,000 bonus points per night for a

maximum 3,000 points per stay, on stays through March 31, 2016. Guests will also receive 500 bonus points when they spend a minimum of \$25 on food and beverage, or 1,000 points when they spend a minimum of \$50. Additionally, Gold and Diamond members will enjoy free premium Wi-Fi, and complimentary Wake Up DoubleTree Breakfast or bonus points.

DoubleTree by Hilton Schenectady is located at 100 Nott Terrace, Schenectady, New York. For more information, or to make a reservation, travelers may call +1 518 393 4141 or visit schenectady.doubletree.com.

Media can access additional information on DoubleTree by Hilton Schenectady at http://news.doubletree.com/schenectady. For more news on DoubleTree by Hilton hotel openings, visit http://news.doubletree.com.

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With a fast-growing, global collection of more than 440 upscale hotels in gateway cities, metropolitan areas and vacation destinations across six continents and nearly 40,000 rooms in the pipeline, every little thing we do at DoubleTree by Hilton inspires us to create a rewarding experience for our hotel guests, our Team Members and the communities we proudly serve. Our hospitality begins with a warm chocolate chip cookie welcome upon arrival and continues with the award-winning Hilton HHonors guest loyalty program, an array of fine services and amenities and our longstanding CARE Culture tradition that empowers Team Members to provide the special comforts and acts of kindness that make the traveler feel human again. Hilton HHonors members who book directly through preferred Hilton channels have access to benefits including free standard Wi-Fi, as well as digital amenities that are available exclusively through the industry-leading Hilton HHonors app, where HHonors members can check-in and choose their room. To make reservations at any DoubleTree by Hilton hotel, travelers may visit our brand website at http://www.facebook.com/doubletree, http://www.twitter.com/doubletree and

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