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### Weingarten Realty Announces "Sweet Charlie's" Coming to Hope Valley Commons

(July 10, 2018) – Weingarten Realty (NYSE: WRI) announced Sweet Charlie's leased 1,256 SF at [Hope Valley Commons](#) located in a premier shopping center just a few minutes south of downtown Durham.



Conveniently located at the intersection of Highways 54 and 751, Hope Valley Commons has excellent access from I-40 and is a few minutes away from the Streets of Southpoint Mall. Serving an upscale neighborhood of over 52,000 people, Hope Valley Commons features a Harris Teeter Grocery Store as the anchor tenant. The center is also home to Fast Frame, Japan Xpress, Marco's Pizza, and Walgreen's as well as some other popular retail stores and businesses.

[Sweet Charlie's](#) serves rolled ice cream made from scratch-to-order in front of the customer. The founder, Kyle Billig, inspired by a Facebook video of a street vendor in Thailand quickly making ice cream on a frozen surface. After lots of time and research, the Billig family founded "Sweet Charlie's" and opened their first store in Philadelphia, PA, May of 2016.

Prepared by pouring the creamy base (made with no preservatives, emulsifiers or stabilizers), adding flavor and toppings on a frozen metal platter and scraped into rolls, this Thai treat is served in your choice of a cup or a doughnut. There are 16 locations now open across the US with 10 others (including the Durham site) "Coming Soon".

Leasing Executive, Jimmy Conder represented [Weingarten Realty](#). President, Rodney Allison of [Property Advisory Services](#) represented the tenant.

### About Weingarten Realty Investors

Weingarten Realty Investors (NYSE: WRI) is a shopping center owner, manager, and developer. At March 31, 2018, the Company owned or operated under long-term leases, either directly or through its interest in real estate joint ventures or partnerships, a total of 196 properties which are located in 17 states spanning the country from coast to coast. These properties represent approximately 39.5 million square feet of which our interests in these properties aggregated approximately 25.0 million square feet of leasable area. To learn more about the Company's operations and growth strategies, please visit [www.weingarten.com](http://www.weingarten.com).