

## **Glad Rags to Open in Coffee Creek Center**

Chesterton, IN - Lake Erie Land Company's Coffee Creek Center recently announced that the area's premier independent women's apparel retailer, **glad rags**, will make its home in the development's upcoming Drake Builder's project in August 2004.

Drake's 18,000-square-foot project, built on approximately 1.5 acres, will consist of a series of two-story buildings located at the northwest side of the intersection of Sidewalk and Dickinson Roads. The project's design features two-story traditional architecture, with rear parking hidden from the street.

"It is designed to become a key component at the main intersection in this neighborhood," said Paul Sharpe, Drake's Vice President of Sales and Marketing. "Its architecture blends with the residential character of the neighborhood, and at the same time introduces commercial uses within an easy walk from the Coffee Creek homes."

With the announcement of the Glad Rag's location, the project already has commitments for more than 40% of its total space.

Located in Morgan's Corner at the intersection of Dickinson and Sidewalk Road (1050 N), the project will become the new location of "**glad rags**", owned and operated by local entrepreneur Judith Mervine.

When asked about the "**glad rags**" announcement, Paul Sharpe said "Drake Builders is extremely proud to have Judy relocate her prestigious business "**glad rags**" to our Coffee Creek project in Chesterton Indiana. Judy is a long time Drake customer, and we are very honored with her selection of our Chesterton location. Our

first meeting with Judy was almost 10 years ago, and we are still working together. Judy is a great businesswoman, and her choice is another “Gold Star” for Drake, Coffee Creek Center and Chesterton.”

Mervine is also pleased with her business’ move.

“Locating our all new store in Coffee Creek was just the step we were ready to make,” said Mervine. “We look forward to a bright future and are just so proud to be the first retailer to lead the way. We will be overlooking the Coffee Creek Conservancy with its gorgeous pavilion and miles of walking trails. We see this investment as a bold step into the future.”

For sales or lease information about the Coffee Creek Center project, contact Drake Builders at (219) 464-3200, or visit Drake on the web at [www.drakebuilders.com](http://www.drakebuilders.com).

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