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**EXECUTIVE MANAGEMENT TEAM PREPARES  
FOR SEPTEMBER OPENING OF THE  
HILTON GARDEN INN DALLAS/DUNCANVILLE**

**Duncanville, TX, July 27, 2005** – The executive management team: Karen Coughlin, General Manager; Natalie Laster-Munlin, Director of Sales and Alex Kramer, Assistant General Manager announced today that the Hilton Garden Inn Dallas/Duncanville is on target for a September first opening date. This experienced hospitality team stated that construction of the 142 – room hotel that includes 14,000 sq. ft. of meeting and banquet space continues to be on schedule, the management team is now offering walk-through tours and active recruiting efforts are underway.

Prior to joining the Hilton Garden Inn Dallas/Duncanville, Coughlin most recently served as General Manager for Homewood Suites by Hilton in Dallas, Texas, and prior to that, she held various management positions that include Assistant General Manager and Director of Sales for Embassy Suites Dallas Park Central. Karen attended Richland College pursuing her career in the hospitality industry and earned the CMP (Certified Meeting Professional) accreditation. Coughlin’s 17 years of hospitality management serves to spearhead the pre-opening efforts of the management team.

“The City of Duncanville is growing and changing and we feel a great sense of pride in serving this outstanding community,” said Coughlin. She stated that property tours are now being scheduled.

Before joining the Hilton Garden Inn Dallas/Duncanville, Laster-Munlin most recently served as Director of Sales for Interstate Hotels and Resorts, and prior to that, Conference and Special Events Manager for D. Jakes Ministries in Dallas, Texas.

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A sales and marketing hospitality veteran and a resident of Dallas, Texas, Laster-Munlin began her career with the Wyndham Anatole Hotel as Sales Coordinator/Supervisor. After studying at El Centro and Cedar Valley College in Dallas and graduating from Justin F. Kimball she received sales coordinating, communications and direct client interaction focusing on all markets.

Laster-Munlin invites corporate and group event coordinators to visit the newly finished guest room and experience first hand the varied amenities offered by the Hilton Garden Inn Dallas/Duncanville.

Assistant General Manager Alex Kramer, a graduate of Penn State University's Hotel and Restaurant Management Program, most recently worked as Assistant Executive Housekeeping Manager for the Manchester Grand Hyatt in San Diego. He is responsible for pre-opening operations and will continue in a lead role with the opening of the Hilton Garden Inn Dallas/Duncanville.

The 142-room Hilton Garden Inn Dallas/Duncanville is conveniently located at 800 North Main Street off I-20, only 20 miles from Dallas-Fort Worth Airport and 15 miles from downtown Dallas.

Hotel facilities include over 14,000 square feet of flexible meeting space with a 7,500-sq. ft. ballroom; Pavilion Pantry™ convenience mart; Great American Grill®; an outdoor heated swimming pool and whirlpool; fitness center; and 24-hour complimentary business center.

Guest room amenities include free high-speed Internet access; refrigerator, coffee maker and microwave in each room; speakerphones with voicemail and data ports; remote access voicemail system; USA TODAY® delivered each weekday morning and LodgeNet® digital video on demand, Nintendo® video games, digital music and complimentary HBO®.

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Gateway Hospitality Group, the hospitality management company for Hilton Garden Inn Dallas/Duncanville, also manages the Hilton Garden Inn Dallas/Allen, Hilton Garden Inn Cleveland Gateway, downtown Cleveland, Ohio; Hilton Garden Inn Cleveland/Twinsburg, Twinsburg, Ohio and Hilton Garden Inn Pittsburgh/Southpointe, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

To schedule a pre-opening tour or for more information on the Hilton Garden Inn Dallas/Duncanville, please call 972.283.9777.