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Humor and Halloween Spirit Decorate Local Hotels

(Charleston, WV) For the second year in a row, the Monarch Family of Hotels have engaged their employees through a pumpkin decorating contest that has become a no-holds-barred decorating war. The contest is a revival of a tradition the hotel has held dear for many years.

Each department at the Holiday Inn & Suites, Wingate by Wyndham and Hampton Inn Southridge take company-provided pumpkins and create masterpieces that are both scary and hilarious.

The highlight of this year's contest is a 5 foot 8 inch creation by the company's accounting department located in the Charleston Conference Center's lobby that features a life-like pumpkin in honor of the Holiday Inn & Suites' colorful general manager, Sandy Arnold. The pumpkin is adorned with wardrobe and accessories that look like they could have come straight from Arnold's closet. The tribute to Arnold is just one sample of the great senses of humor that the staff possess and the fun the company feels is important to the work day.

"In the 40-plus years that I've been in the hotel industry, I've never been emulated through a pumpkin", Arnold chuckled. "It is truly humbling".

Guests and the public can vote on the pumpkins at each of the three hotels now through Tuesday, October 28th. Winners will be announced at the company's Halloween-themed employee luncheon and through social media and on the company's website, www.discovercharlestonwv.com.

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