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### **Mountain Sun Pubs & Breweries announce opening of new Denver brewery at Vine Street Pub**

*Fourth Annual Anniversary Celebration of restaurant and fundraiser to kick-off new brewing facility with special-release beer, Friday April 20*

DENVER (April. 13, 2012) – Vine Street Pub, the Denver branch of the famed Boulder-based Mountain Sun Brewery, announced the opening of its new 3,500 square foot in-house brewery. For the first time since the pub opened its doors four years ago, Vine Street will be able to serve house beers brewed on premise. The first beer brewed in the new state-of-the-art facility will be a yet-to-be named Belgian Trippel, which will be released this month. Longtime Mountain Sun Head Brewer, Brian Hutchinson will oversee the new brewery with Brewer John Fiorilli.

To celebrate the opening of the new brewery and its four-year anniversary in the Denver location, Vine Street Pub, will hold **Vine Street's Smokin' Hot Anniversary Party**— a community celebration where all proceeds benefit Denver's Judi's House ([www.judishouse.org](http://www.judishouse.org)). Taking place Friday **April 20, from 4:20 p.m. until close**, the event will feature this year's Mountain Sun anniversary special-release brew, the Capital Saison, Chef Annabelle Forrestal's specialty BBQ offerings including smoked meats, burgers, and brats, and free live music from local musicians the "By All Means Band". Great Divide, Ommegang and Green Flash Breweries will also be donating beer, which will be sold to support Judi's House.

"We're tremendously excited about the new brewery. We'll be able to produce more beer, and more varieties," said Mountain Sun founding owner Kevin J. Daly. "It also means fewer food miles - less driving from Boulder to Denver, which is good for the environment. We love the Earth, and the fact that Vine Street's anniversary always lands around Earth Day."

The third brewery in the Mountain Sun family of pubs, the Vine Street Brewery will be able to produce 5,000 barrels of Mountain Sun beer annually. Mountain Sun's signatures FYIPA, Annapurna Amber, XXX Pale, Colorado Kind, Blackberry Wheat, and Quinns Golden Ale will all be brewed at the new location, as well as rotating specialty brews throughout the year.

“We expect to brew 3,000 barrels at Vine Street in our first year of production,” says Mountain Sun Head Brewer Brian Hutchinson. “This is an increase of beer for our loyal customer community as we currently brew a little over 3,000 barrels annually at the two Boulder breweries combined.”

The greatly expanded brewing capacity that Vine Street provides will allow Mountain Sun to pursue partnerships with other Colorado beer and food-focused establishments. Currently, the newly-opened The Kitchen Denver has Mountain Sun’s Hop Vivant on tap.

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**About Vine Street Pub:** The third pub in the Mountain Sun family, Vine Street Pub– located at 17<sup>th</sup> and Vine in Denver’s Uptown neighborhood– opened April 14, 2008 to a standing-room-only crowd. As is the case at Mountain Sun and Southern Sun Brewpubs in Boulder, Vine Street features more than 20 taps of house brews and quality craft beers, award-winning all-natural pub fare, in a comfortable, living room-like atmosphere. Vine Street was just honored in *Westword* magazine as having “Best Wings” of 2012.

**About Mountain Sun Pubs & Breweries:** Founded by Kevin J. Daly in 1993, the original Mountain Sun Brewery, located in downtown Boulder, Colo., was the first Colorado-micro brewery to offer the comfortable brew-pub atmosphere and community gathering place that Daly fell in-love with when living in Portland, Oregon. A true traveler and music lover to the bone, Daly sought to create an establishment that was as comfortable as your living room, where great food, craft beers, and conversation flowed freely. With a commitment to high quality ingredients, earth-first practices, and employee participation, the uniquely eclectic atmosphere of Mountain Sun continued to expand. Southern Sun Pub & Brewery opened in Boulder, Colo. in 2002, and Vine Street Pub opened in Denver, Colo. in 2008. Mountain Sun Ales have won numerous awards around the globe, including six gold medals at the Great American Beer Festival in Denver. In 2009, Mountain Sun Pub & Brewery’s Head Brewer Brian Hutchinson was crowned “Alpha King” with his Hop Vivant Imperial IPA (making Mountain Sun the first and only Colorado brewery to take the title.) This year, they won a silver medal for their Illusion Dweller IPA. For more information about Mountain Sun ales, pubs and brewpubs, visit [www.mountainsunpub.com](http://www.mountainsunpub.com) or <https://www.facebook.com/mountainsunpub>.