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Excellence in Worksite Wellness Award winners announced

More than 20 area companies to be honored at Nov. 7 luncheon for their excellence in worksite health and well-being

(OMAHA, Neb.) – **WELLCOM** will be recognizing more than 20 of the Midlands’ healthiest companies at its annual awards luncheon from 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 7 at the Embassy Suites Hotel and Conference Center in La Vista.

The luncheon will feature a keynote address from Jessica Turner, a best-selling author and lifestyle blogger, on the topic of thriving in work and in life.

The Excellence in Worksite Wellness Awards Luncheon honors organizations for positioning wellness programs as a strategic business opportunity and making a difference in their employees’ lives.

WELLCOM will be recognizing organizations who have received the Governor’s Wellness Award, the Trek Up the Tower Corporate Team Awards, and the Global Centre for Healthy Workplaces Award.

WELLCOM also has partnered with the American Heart Association and the American Diabetes Association in recognizing organizations who have achieved excellence at the workplace through wellness initiatives. These awards include the 2017 American Heart Association **Workplace Health Achievement Index** and **Workplace Healthy Food and Beverage Golden Apple Award**, and the American Diabetes Association **Health Champion Designation**.

“It’s exciting to recognize forward-thinking organizations of all sizes on their achievements in creating a supportive environment and overall culture of health and well-being at the worksite,” said Rebecca Vinton, president & CEO of **WELLCOM**.

This year’s ceremony also will include a tribute to **WELLCOM** and WELCOA founder, William M. Kizer, who passed away in August at the age of 92.

“Bill started a movement right here in Omaha in 1981 that has changed lives and transformed companies for almost 40 years,” Vinton said. “His vision continues stronger than ever and his passion will carry on for years to come.”

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This year’s event is in conjunction with **WELLCOM**’s Q4 Innovative Symposium, “Worksite Wellness and Sustainability – A Thriving Triple Bottom Line of People, Planet and Profit.”

Lacy Cagle from the Northwest Earth Institute in Portland, Ore., will be the featured presenter. Participants will have the opportunity to discuss the relevance of sustainability and its impact on business strategy, while visiting health and wellness exhibits, and networking with employers from across Iowa and Nebraska.

2017 award recipients include:

2017 Governor's Wellness Award

Large Grower:

Blue Cross Blue Shield of Nebraska
C&A Industries, Inc.
Gallup
RDG Planning & Design
University of Nebraska Foundation

Small Grower:

Diabetes Education Center of the Midlands

Large Sower:

Bennington Public Schools
CHI Health
Dial Retirement Communities - Nebraska
Hyatt Global Contact Center - Omaha
Nebraska Organ Recovery
Omaha Performing Arts
Streck
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2017 Trek Up the Tower Awards

Large Business Corporate Team Award:

1st Place: Berk Up – Berkshire Hathaway Homestate Companies/National Indemnity Company
2nd Place: Mutual of Omaha
3rd Place: Kiewit Corporation

Small Business Corporate Team Award:

1st Place: UNMC College of Allied Health Professions
2nd Place: RTG Medical – Team RTG
3rd Place: IPG

Global Centre for Healthy Workplaces Award

First Place – Small and Medium-Sized Category:
Lincoln Industries

To register for the event or for more information about **WELLCOM**, please visit: www.elevatingwellness.org.

WELLCOM is a non-profit organization dedicated to elevating health and well-being at the workplace. We serve a network of hundreds of employers of all sizes and industries throughout the Midwest who are focused on doing what is right for their employees. For over 35 years, we've been a one-stop resource for employers in creating a culture of health, purpose and performance. Businesses benefit from cutting-edge education, high-level training programs, extensive networking opportunities, and expert advice.