



## News Release

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### **Annual Excellence in Worksite Wellness Awards Luncheon**

*Thirty-One Area Companies Honored for Excellence in Wellness and Health Improvement*

(OMAHA, Neb., October 21, 2016)— **WELLCOM** recently honored 31 of the midlands' healthiest companies at their annual luncheon on Tuesday, October 11<sup>th</sup>, at the Embassy Suites Hotel and Conference Center in La Vista. The luncheon featured a keynote address from Rebekah Gregory, a Boston Marathon bombing survivor. Nebraska's Lieutenant Governor, Mike Foley, and Omaha Mayor Jean Stothert were also on hand to assist with the awards presentation.

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** recognized organizations who received the Governor's Wellness Award, the Trek Up the Tower Corporate Team Awards, the Global Centre for Healthy Workplaces Healthy Workplace Certification, and the American Heart Association's Fit Friendly and Workplace Health Solution Awards. "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**. The Live Well Omaha Board of Directors and Staff received the "Spirit of Wellness Award" which honors leaders and innovators in our community for their passion and advocacy concerning the **WELLCOM** mission and the health of the community.

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### **2016 Recipients Include:**

#### **2016 Governor's Wellness Award**

##### **Large Grower:**

Cass County

Immanuel

Nebraska Medicine

Physicians Mutual

SilverStone Group

University of Nebraska-Omaha

##### **Small Grower:**

Dodge County Head Start

SimplyWell

##### **Large Sower:**

First National Bank

Fusion Medical Staffing

Marian High School

Werner Enterprises

##### **Small Sower:**

Educational Service Unit 2

#### **2016 Trek Up the Tower Awards**

##### **Corporate Team Award:**

1st Place: Berk Up–Berkshire Hathaway

Homestate Companies/ National Indemnity  
Company

2nd Place: Mutual of Omaha

3rd Place: First National Bank

#### **Global Centre for Healthy Workplaces**

##### **Healthy Workplace Certification**

Union Pacific Railroad (first company in the world to receive the certification)

#### **2016 American Heart Association ‘Fit Friendly’**

##### **Award**

##### **Fit Friendly Platinum:**

Gallup

Nebraska Methodist College

Physicians Mutual

##### **Fit Friendly Gold:**

Aetna Inc.

ConAgra Foods, Inc.

CQuence Health Group

The Gavilon Group, LLC

HDR, Inc

Iowa Western Community College

Omaha Steaks

Streck, Inc

Nebraska Medicine

Prime Therapeutics

WoodmenLife

Zurich

##### **AHA Workplace Health Solution**

##### **Recognition:**

Creighton University

Omaha Steaks

For more information about **WELLCOM** or how your organization can apply for a worksite wellness award, please contact Rebecca Vinton, President & CEO, at (402) 934-5795 or [rvinton@elevatingwellness.org](mailto:rvinton@elevatingwellness.org).

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