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More than 30 area companies honored at luncheon for excellence in worksite health and well-being

(OMAHA, Neb.) – WELLCOM recently recognized more than 30 of the Midlands’ healthiest companies at its annual awards luncheon on Tuesday, Nov. 7th at the Embassy Suites Hotel and Conference Center in La Vista. Hosted by Malorie Maddox, WOWT-Channel 6 Evening News Anchor, the luncheon featured a keynote address from Jessica Turner, a best-selling author and lifestyle blogger, on the topic of thriving in work and in life. This year’s ceremony also included a tribute to WELLCOM and WELCOA founder, William M. Kizer, who passed away in August at the age of 92.

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, and the Global Centre for Healthy Workplaces Award. WELLCOM has partnered with the American Heart Association and the American Diabetes Association in recognizing organizations who achieved excellence at the workplace through wellness initiatives. The awards included the 2017 American Heart Association Workplace Health Achievement Index and Workplace Healthy Food and Beverage Golden Apple Award, and the American Diabetes Association’s Health Champion Designation.

“The companies recognized during the Excellence in Worksite Wellness Awards Luncheon are to be celebrated not only for achieving a prestigious award, but also for providing a culture of health for their employees. All the award winners have achieved a level of excellence that truly sets them apart in making our community a healthier place to work, live, and play.” The 2017 Awards 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

(2017 Governor's Wellness Award Large Sower continued)

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: Interpublic Group

Global Centre for Healthy Workplaces

First Place – Small and Medium-Sized Category:

Lincoln Industries

American Diabetes Association Health Champion Designation:

Des Moines University
Diabetes Education Center of the Midlands
Fusion Medical Staffing
Lincoln Industries
National Information Solutions Cooperative
Nelnet
Midland University/Dodge County Head Start
Streck
University of Iowa
University of Nebraska Foundation
University of Nebraska at Omaha
WoodmenLife

American Heart Association Workplace Health Solution Award:

GOLD

Meredith Corporation

SILVER

Creighton University
HDR
Omaha Steaks
Streck

(American Heart Association Workplace Health Solution Award continued)

BRONZE

Hubbell Realty Company
Nelnet
University of Iowa
University of Nebraska at Omaha
WoodmenLife
Zoetis, Lincoln, Ne.

EARLY ADOPTER

Omaha Performing Arts
Signature Performance, Inc.

American Heart Association's Workplace Healthy Food and Beverage Golden Apple Award

Amphibious Medics
Clinton High School
Creighton University
Fusion Medical Staffing
Kearney County Health Services
Pharmacists Mutual Companies
Scranton Manufacturing Co.
Telligen
Union Pacific Railroad
Wellmark Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Iowa and South Dakota

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

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WELLCOM is a non-profit organization dedicated to elevating workplace wellness. WELLCOM serves a network of hundreds of employers of all sizes throughout the Midwest who are focused on doing what is right for their employees. For almost 35 years, we've been a one-stop resource for employers at all stages of wellness programs and our members benefit from cutting-edge education, high-level training programs, extensive networking opportunities, and expert advice.