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OFFICE OF HEALTHY OHIO HONORS BUSINESSES FOR HEALTHY PRACTICES

Healthy Worksite award program in its seventh year

COLUMBUS – The Office of Healthy Ohio (OHO) will recognize 33 Ohio businesses for healthy worksite practices.

Healthy Ohio Business Council Chair Cynthia Crosthwaite will present the seventh-annual Healthy Ohio-Healthy Worksite awards on Friday, Feb. 11 at 12:15 p.m. at the Embassy Suites in Dublin. The ceremony will be held during Health Action Council Ohio's Columbus Kick Off conference that features national experts on health reform, health care systems and health benefits including Roger C. Merrill, M.D. of Perdue Farms Incorporated.

More than 80 companies, cities and townships applied for the 2010 awards which recognize Ohio employers that demonstrate a commitment to employee health through comprehensive worksite health promotion and wellness programs.

"Workers spend a significant time at their jobs," Crosthwaite said. "Healthy practices at work almost certainly will translate to healthy practices at home and a valuable reduction in health care costs. These Ohio employers are leading the way in providing exemplary workplace wellness programs for their employees."

Applications were placed in two groups: small employers (fewer than 300 employees) and large employers (301 or more employees) and winners were selected from each group based upon the highest total points achieved. The 2010 Healthy Ohio-Healthy Worksite award recipients are:

Gold Winners-Large Employers (2)

1. DMAX, Ltd. – Montgomery/Greene/Butler Counties
2. Cargill, Inc. – Shelby County

Gold Winners-Small Employers (2)

1. University School – Cuyahoga County
2. General Electric, Peebles Test Operation – Adams County

Silver Winners-Large Employers (8)

1. Bendix Commercial Vehicle Systems – Lorain County
2. Union Hospital – Tuscarawas County

3. Wooster Community Hospital – Wayne County
4. Akron Children’s Hospital – Summit County
5. Adena Health System – Ross County
6. Nationwide Children’s Hospital – Franklin County
7. Lake Health – Lake County
8. Parma Community General Hospital – Cuyahoga County

Silver winners- Small Employers (5)

1. Standard Textile Company, Inc. – Hamilton County
2. Main Street Gourmet - Summit County
3. Tiffin Metal Products Co. – Seneca County
4. School Employees Retirement System of Ohio – Franklin County
5. Chelko Consulting Group - Cuyahoga County

Bronze winners- Large Employers (9)

1. Aultman Health Foundation - Stark County
2. Mercy Medical Center - Stark County
3. Avon Lake City Schools - Lorain County
4. NK Parts Industries, Inc. - Shelby County
5. Midwest Express Group - Logan County
6. Southern Ohio Medical Center - Scioto County
7. City of Dublin - Franklin County
8. Grand Lake Health System - Auglaize County
9. Kettering Health Network – Montgomery/Greene/Butler Counties

Bronze winners- Small Employers (7)

1. Lake Shore Cryotronics, Inc. – Delaware County
2. Coleman Professional Services – Portage/Summit/Stark/Trumbull Counties
3. Bricker & Eckler - Franklin County
4. LifeCare Alliance - Franklin County
5. Chillicothe and Ross County Public Library - Ross County
6. The Cleveland Foundation - Cuyahoga County
7. Varbros LLC – Cuyahoga County

Housed at the Ohio Department of Health, OHO consists of three core areas: health promotion, disease prevention and health equity.

Anyone interested in registering for the Health Action Council’s Columbus Kick-Off Conference can do so at: https://www.hacohio.org/invite_columbus.asp