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Excellence Canada and Canada Life announce the 2019 Canada's Healthy Workplace Month® Great Employers

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Excellence Canada and Canada Life are pleased to announce the **2019 Canada's Healthy Workplace Month® Great Employers.** These organizations are being celebrated for their planning and actions to foster physically and psychologically safe and healthy workplaces, striving to continually improve across four main areas of focus, namely:

Healthy Lifestyles

This involves helping employees develop and maintain healthy lifestyle practices, eat well, exercise, drop unhealthy or risky habits, and make optimal use of the healthcare system.

Mental Health and Workplace Culture

Culture is created, reinforced and sustained by ongoing patterns of relationships and communications that are known to have an important influence on psychological health and safety. The organizational culture reflects values that support mental health, such as trust, fairness, respect, diversity, inclusion and teamwork.

Physical Environment

Aiming to reduce the risk of fatalities and workplace disabilities, this area of focus involves fully and continually addressing matters of occupational health and safety, including the possible impacts of new technologies, production changes, increasing demands on time, and cost containment measures.

Corporate Social Responsibility

The interrelationship between the community, the workplace and the employee is known to influence employee health and well-being, as well as the health and performance of the organization. CSR activities are often seen as voluntary, going above and beyond what is legislated or required.

This year's recipients are, in alphabetical order:

AGS Rehab Solutions Inc.	Mississauga	ON
Alberta Blue Cross	Edmonton	AB
CHEO	Ottawa	ON
Collingwood General & Marine Hospital	Collingwood	ON
Creative Options Regina, Inc.	Regina	SK
Dryden Regional Health Centre	Dryden	ON
EHC Global	Oshawa	ON

Hamilton Health Sciences Corporation	Hamilton	ON
Hickman Automotive Group	St. John's	NL
Lethbridge College	Lethbridge	AB
London Hunt and Country Club	London	ON
Natural Resources Canada - CanmetENERGY- Ottawa	Nepean	ON
Organizational Solutions Inc.	Burlington	ON
Peel Children's Aid Society	Mississauga	ON
Quadrangle Architects Limited	Toronto	ON
South West Local Health Integration Network	London	ON
Square Inc	Toronto	ON
Three Point Capital	Kelowna	ВС
Travel Alberta	Calgary	AB
University of Guelph	Guelph	ON
University of Waterloo	Waterloo	ON
Vancouver Island Brewing	Victoria	ВС
Victoria Airport Authority	Sidney	BC

Find out what it takes to be a *Canada's Healthy Workplace Month® Great Employer* by visiting https://healthyworkplacemonth.ca/resources/what-does-a-great-employer-look-like/

Next year's applicants can make their online submissions at www.healthyworkplacemonth.ca beginning August 1, 2020. The deadline to apply is October 31st and the 2020 recipients will be announced on December 7, 2020.

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Established by Excellence Canada over 20 years ago, *Canada's Healthy Workplace Month®* is celebrated every October. Our website provides organizations with year-round resources, tools, and knowledge that they need to implement a long-term *Healthy Workplace®* strategy.

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