Abbott Included In Top 10 Best Companies By Working Mother Magazine

Moms Value Paid Parental Leave and Flexible Work Arrangements as Abbott Is Recognized for the Fourteenth Consecutive Year

ABBOTT PARK, Ill., Sept. 16, 2014 /PRNewswire/ -- Abbott's (NYSE: ABT) long-held commitment to supporting working mothers and their families was acknowledged today by *Working Mother* magazine. The healthcare company was named among the Top 10 companies in *Working Mother*'s 100 Best Companies list, which commends companies for establishing a corporate culture that supports working moms. This marks the fourteenth consecutive year that Abbott has been included in the esteemed ranking.

"Empowering our working mothers to succeed in their careers and at home makes Abbott a stronger and more dynamic company," said Stephen Fussell, executive vice president, Human Resources, Abbott. "We hope that our pioneering commitment to a family-friendly workplace makes a difference in the lives of these hard-working women and their families."

Abbott offers a comprehensive offering of health care, wellness, work/life and other family-friendly benefits, as well as flexible work options such as job sharing, compressed work-weeks, telecommuting and flextime to help employees find success at work and home. Abbott also offers opportunities for employees to succeed, lead and grow in their careers through training, mentoring, tuition reimbursement, networking groups and development programs that provide support and advancement opportunities.

Abbott Widely Recognized as a Great Place to Work

In addition to being honored for workplace leadership by *Working Mother*, the National Association for Female Executives again named Abbott among the Top 50 Companies for Executive Women in 2014. The company has also been named to *DiversityInc* magazine's list of the top companies for diversity for eleven years.

About *Working Mother's* 100 Best Companies List

Abbott was selected for the 2014 *Working Mother* 100 Best Companies based on an extensive application with approximately 500 questions on workforce, compensation, child care, flexibility programs, leave policies and more. It also surveys the usage, availability and tracking of programs, as well as the accountability of managers who oversee them. Six areas were measured and scored: paid time off and leaves; workplace profile; benefits; women's issues and advancement; flexible work; company culture and work life programs.

About Working Mother Media

Working Mother Media, a division of Bonnier Corporation (bonnier.com), is the publisher of *Working Mother* magazine and its companion website workingmother.com, and is home to the Working Mother Research Institute. The National Association for Female Executives (nafe.com) and Diversity Best Practices (diversitybestpractices.com) are also units within WMM. Working Mother Media's mission is to serve as a champion of culture change. *Working Mother* magazine is the only national magazine for career-committed mothers. Follow us on Facebook, Twitter, and LinkedIn.

About Abbott

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