



Abbott Marks 15 Years of Helping Career-Minded Moms Reach Their Full Professional Potential

COMPANY TO BE INDUCTED INTO *WORKING MOTHER* MAGAZINE'S HALL OF FAME IN OCTOBER

- Abbott in Top 10 of all companies surveyed by *Working Mother* magazine, the only national magazine for career-focused mothers

ABBOTT PARK, Ill, Sept. 22, 2015 — Abbott's commitment to support working mothers with progressive benefits and extraordinary career opportunities was recognized today by *Working Mother* magazine. Abbott has been a mainstay on *Working Mother's* "100 Best Companies" [list](#), and this year was included in the top 10 of all companies evaluated. The highly regarded ranking assesses workplace attributes such as the advancement of women, scheduling flexibility, child care, and paid parental leave.

In recognition of Abbott's 15th consecutive year on the "100 Best Companies" list, the healthcare company will also be inducted into *Working Mother's* Hall of Fame during the organization's annual Work Life Congress event, which will be held at the Marriott Marquis in New York City on October 14 – 15.

"To be recognized by *Working Mother* is a testament to the power of working moms and their ability to build extraordinary careers and extraordinary families," said Stephen Fussell, Abbott's executive vice president of human resources. "To be welcomed into the Hall of Fame is even more rewarding; it affirms our long-term commitment to help women maximize their professional potential with work that helps people live their fullest lives."

The advancement of women ties closely to Abbott's identity. Women make up 46 percent of the company's management and nearly half of its global workforce. In executive management, representation of women has increased 42 percent over a 10-year period. Three of the 10 leaders reporting to Abbott's chairman and CEO are women while four out of 11 members of Abbott's Board of Directors are female.

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ABBOTT WIDELY RECOGNIZED AS A GREAT PLACE TO WORK

Abbott offers a comprehensive offering of healthcare, 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.

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 2015. The company has also been named to DiversityInc magazine's list of the top companies for diversity for 12 years.

About Working Mother Media:

Working Mother Media (WMM), a division of Bonnier Corporation (bonnier.com), publishes *Working Mother* magazine and its companion website, workingmother.com. The Working Mother Research Institute (workingmother.com/wmri), the National Association for Female Executives (nafe.com) and Diversity Best Practices (diversitybestpractices.com) are also units within WMM. WMM'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](#), [LinkedIn](#) and [Pinterest](#).

About Abbott:

At Abbott, we're committed to helping you live your best possible life through the power of health. For more than 125 years, we've brought new products and technologies to the world – in nutrition, diagnostics, medical devices and branded generic pharmaceuticals – that create more possibilities for more people at all stages of life. Today, 73,000 of us are working to help people live not just longer, but better, in the more than 150 countries we serve.

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