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Michigan's Best and Brightest in Wellness™ Announced

Event to Honor Winners Slated for October 3, 2013

Sept. 12, 2013 – Warren, MI — Celebrating organizations that are making their workplaces, their employees and the community a healthier place to live and work is the purpose of the annual Michigan's Best and Brightest in Wellness™ program series. Launched last year, the Best and Brightest in Wellness™ awards symposium is the premier program that honors companies and organizations that recognize and celebrate quality and excellence in worksite health promotion.

The winning companies will be honored at a breakfast celebration and symposium on October 3, 2013 at the VisTaTech Conference Center in Livonia. The Best and Brightest in Wellness™ winners were evaluated by using the WellCompanies assessment, created and administered by Wellco, the nation's leading wellness systems firm.

“Having a healthy and happy workforce leads to a healthy company bottom line. This year's winning companies represent high standards and an exceptional commitment to healthy employees, healthy families and a healthy community,” said Jennifer Kluge, Michigan Business and Professional Association/Michigan Food and Beverage Association President and CEO. The MBPA and MFBA are the presenting organizations for the Best and Brightest in Wellness™ program.

The event starts at 7:30 am with registration, continental breakfast, exhibit galleries, health screenings and networking. The interactive morning will also include a Wake-up Laughter Yoga Session led by Melinda Curtis and Laura Lerman, professional wellness coach. The interactive learning sessions will include a Best and Brightest in Wellness™ Winners Panel, Youth Instant Recess™ break, Nutrition For All and Networkingout: Run This Town™. The keynote address will be presented by Dr. Joel Kahn. The awards will be presented by leading Health Reporter Lila Lazarus.

Michigan's Best and Brightest in Wellness™ Symposium and Awards Gala is presented by Michigan Business and Professional Association, Wellco, *CORP!* magazine and the Michigan Food and Beverage Association. The event is being sponsored by St. John Providence Health System, McGraw Wentworth, Blue Cross Blue Shield of MI, VisTaTech Center, Health Management Systems of America, Walgreens and Michigan Wellness Council.

Admission for the awards celebration and symposium is \$80 for individuals. Tables for 8 are also available for \$640. If you are interested in attending the conference, sponsorship, advertising

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The Best and Brightest programs provide yearlong education, benchmarking, assessment tools and interaction amongst the best employers throughout Michigan.

Best and Brightest in Wellness™ 2013 Winners

A.J. Danboise Son Inc.	ImageSoft, Inc.
Aijalon Baptist Church	JARC
Altair Engineering	Kadesh Missionary
Altarum Institute	Martin Luther King, Jr. Senior High School
BizStream	Masco Corporation
Brazeway, Inc.	Meijer
Calvin College	Mercy Health Muskegon
Carson City Hospital	Mercy Health Saint Mary's and Mercy Health
Compuware	Physician Partners, MI
Consumers Credit Union	MSU Federal Credit Union
Cooperative Elevator	New Haven High School
CSM Group	North American Bancard
Custom Profile	North Central Michigan College
Digerati, Inc.	OLHSA, A Community Action Agency
Diplomat Specialty Pharmacy	Peckham, Inc.
DTE Energy	Pennock Health Services
E&A Credit Union	Quicken Loans
Easter Seals Michigan	RANIR
Experi-Metal Inc	Rhonda Walker Foundation
Express Employment Professionals	Schupan & Sons, Inc.
Farbman Group	Seco Tools
Fellowship Chapel	Secure-24, LLC
Flexco	Serenity Christian Church
G & T Industries	Shape Corp.
Gentex Corporation	The Ideal Group
Gordon Food Service	Trinity Health - African American Associate
Grand Rapids Label Company	Resource Group
Harbor Industries	Valassis
Hastings Mutual Insurance Company	ViSalus
Herman Miller	Walbridge Aldinger Company
Holy Cross Missionary Baptist Church	