

WellPoint Named One of 13 Leading Companies for Employees with Disabilities

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INDIANAPOLIS, May 20, 2011 /PRNewswire/ -- WellPoint, Inc., (NYSE: WLP) has been recognized as one of 13 leading companies for employees with disabilities by *Profiles in Diversity Journal*. The company shares this honor with such organizations as McDonald's Corporation, Chrysler Group LLC and Fifth Third Bank.

In the May/June issue, *Profiles in Diversity Journal* seeks to recognize and honor companies that are committed to workforce diversity and continue to foster an inclusive work environment for all employees. This honor recognizes WellPoint's efforts to accommodate those with talent, enthusiasm and a desire to work – and who also have disabilities.

"We're honored to be recognized as a company that supports associates with disabilities," said Linda Jimenez, WellPoint's chief diversity officer and vice president, Diversity & Inclusion. "When you read the stories of those featured in this issue of *Profiles in Diversity Journal*, it is apparent that we have the power to touch many lives. This truly shows the importance of a diverse and vibrant workforce, and encourages companies to foster an inclusive environment for all."

One featured article includes an inspiring story about Jamison Torok, a technical project manager at WellPoint. Torok serves as chair of WellPoint's Abilities Beyond Limited Expectations (ABLE) associate resource group. He is passionate about his work, and his enthusiasm and determination have helped him excel in his education, work and desire to inspire others.

According to Torok, "Personal accountability for excellence is one of WellPoint's core values and one I embody in my approach to work. I have a personal philosophy: A promise made is a promise kept. There has never been a situation where I see a limitation to my abilities."

About Profiles in Diversity Journal

Profiles in Diversity Journal is a bi-monthly magazine focusing on diversity/inclusion in business, government, health care, non-profit, higher education and military settings. The focus of the *Journal* is on senior leadership, best practices, benchmarking, workforce diversity strategies, recognition of employee contribution, and features about what makes organizations great.

For more information or to order a copy of the 2011 May/June issue of *Profiles in Diversity Journal*, go to www.diversityjournal.com.

About WellPoint, Inc.

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