

Walgreens Earns Top Marks in 2015 Corporate Equality Index
Thursday, November 19, 2015 10:24:00 PM (GMT)

Walgreens Earns 100 percent Score for the 11th Year on Human Rights Campaign Foundation's 14th Annual Scorecard on LGBT Workplace Equality

Walgreens received a perfect score of 100 percent on the 2016 Corporate Equality Index (CEI), a national benchmarking survey and report on corporate policies and practices related to LGBT workplace equality, administered by the Human Rights Campaign Foundation. This marks the 11th year Walgreens has earned a perfect score from the CEI index.

"As a company that aims to champion everyone's right to be happy and healthy, we understand that this also includes fostering the growth and development of all employees, regardless of individual differences," said Stevens Sainte-Rose, chief human resources officer of Walgreens. "It is an honor to be acknowledged once again by the Human Rights Campaign for our commitment to diversity and inclusiveness. Thank you to our team, especially our WPride and Allies business resource group, for continuing to evolve policies and practices for more than a decade to help ensure a welcoming workplace for all."

The 2016 CEI rated 851 businesses in the report, which evaluates LGBT-related policies and practices including non-discrimination workplace protections, domestic partner benefits, transgender-inclusive health care benefits, competency programs and public engagement with the LGBT community. Walgreens efforts satisfied all of the CEI's criteria resulting in a 100 percent ranking and the designation as a Best Place to Work for LGBT Equality. Fortune 500 companies that participated in the survey had an average rating of 88. Walgreens joins the ranks of 407 major U.S. businesses which also earned top marks this year. For more information on the 2016 Corporate Equality Index, or to download a free copy of the report, visit www.hrc.org/cei.

The Human Rights Campaign is America's largest civil rights organization working to achieve lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender equality. By inspiring and engaging all Americans, HRC strives to end discrimination against LGBT citizens and realize a nation that achieves fundamental fairness and equality for all.

About Walgreens

Walgreens (www.walgreens.com), the nation's largest drugstore chain, is included in the Retail Pharmacy USA Division of Walgreens Boots Alliance, Inc. (Nasdaq: WBA), the first global pharmacy-led, health and wellbeing enterprise. More than 8 million customers interact with Walgreens each day in communities across America, using the most convenient, multichannel access to consumer goods and services and trusted, cost-effective pharmacy, health and wellness services and advice. Walgreens operates 8,173 drugstores with a presence in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands. Walgreens digital business includes Walgreens.com, drugstore.com, Beauty.com, SkinStore.com and VisionDirect.com. Walgreens also manages more than 400 Healthcare Clinic and provider practice locations around the country.

View source version on businesswire.com: <http://www.businesswire.com/news/home/20151119006758/en/>

--30-- TG/CG

Contact:

Walgreens
Emily Hartwig, 847-315-3316
[@WalgreensNews](http://news.walgreens.com)
[facebook.com/Walgreens](https://www.facebook.com/Walgreens)

Copyright Business Wire 2015

1.2

Industries: Seniors, Convenience Store, Women, Other Consumer, Discount/Variety, Health, Pharmaceutical, Philanthropy, Professional Services, Human Resources, Retail, Other Philanthropy, Supermarket, Consumer, Foundation, Men

Languages: English

Primary Identifiers: WBA-US

Related Identifiers: WBA-US

Source: Walgreens

Subjects: Award, Corporate Social Responsibility, Survey