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Awards Rank Kentucky's Best Places to Work

LEXINGTON, Ky. (April 18, 2008) – The Kentucky Society for Human Resource Management (KYSHRM) state council and the Kentucky Chamber of Commerce announced yesterday the rankings (see attached list) for the fourth annual competition naming the **2008 Best Places to Work in Kentucky**, presented by Humana Inc. Trilogy Health Services and Edward Jones, both of Louisville, took top honors. The program is a multi-year initiative to encourage companies in the Commonwealth to move their workplace environments toward excellence. Best Companies Group surveyed all applicants and revealed the list of top 50 winners at a dinner and awards ceremony yesterday at the Lexington Convention Center.

The Best Places to Work in Kentucky initiative brings a local angle similar to the *Fortune* magazine's list announcing the "100 Best Companies to Work for in America." In addition to the positive effect the award has on employee relations and recruitment, the driving force for companies to participate in this program is the remarkable effect that workplace improvements can have on their bottom lines. Numerous studies show a strong correlation between profitability and creating a good place to work.

"The goal of Best Places to Work in Kentucky is to raise the bar among employers to create excellent employee engagement practices. Recruiting and retaining the most talented people is imperative and will position Kentucky and our businesses to be successful competitors in both national and global arenas," says Trasee Whitaker, SPHR, Chairwoman, KYSHRM state council.

Winners were selected from two categories — small/medium companies with 25 to 249 employees and large companies with 250 or more employees. The selection process is based on an assessment of the company's employee policies and procedures and the results of an internal employee survey. Best Companies Group manages this process, with the research and list selection conducted by ModernThink LLC. The survey feedback that all participating companies receive will enable them to develop plans and implement steps necessary to create a great workplace and continue to improve the performance of their businesses.

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Further details about the **Best Places to Work in Kentucky** initiative can be found online at www.bestplacestoworkky.com.

The 2008 Best Places to Work in Kentucky rankings are as follows:

Small/Medium Companies

		Primary Location
1	Trilogy Health Services, LLC	Louisville
2	Benefit Insurance Marketing	Lexington
3	Middlesboro Nursing & Rehabilitation Facility	Middlesboro
4	Dean, Dorton & Ford, PSC	Lexington
5	Sturgill, Turner, Barker & Moloney, PLLC	Lexington
6	Bluegrass Community Hospital	Versailles
7	Chilton & Medley PLC	Louisville
8	Kentucky Orthopedic Rehab Team (KORT)	Louisville
9	Woodward, Hobson & Fulton, L.L.P.	Louisville
10	KPMG LLP	Louisville
11	Independence Bank	Owensboro
12	Town & Country Bank and Trust Company	Bardstown
13	Georgetown Community Hospital	Georgetown
14	Traditional Bank	Mt. Sterling
15	Summit Energy Services, Inc.	Louisville
16	Saint Joseph Martin (formerly Our Lady of the Way Hospital)	Martin
17	ZirMed, Inc.	Louisville
18	Crowe Chizek and Company LLC	Louisville
19	Atmos Energy Corporation	Owensboro
20	Franklin Bank & Trust Company	Franklin
21	Mountjoy & Bressler, LLP	Louisville
22	Tenmast Software Company	Lexington
23	Citizens First Bank	Bowling Green
24	Catholic Health Initiatives	Erlanger
25	Neace Lukens	Louisville

Large Companies

		Primary Location
1	Edward Jones	Louisville
2	Frankfort Regional Medical Center	Frankfort
3	King's Daughters Medical Center	Ashland
4	Pikeville Medical Center	Pikeville
5	Central Baptist Hospital	Lexington
6	Appriss Inc.	Louisville
7	First Federal Savings Bank	Elizabethtown
8	Stoll Keenon Ogden PLLC	Lexington
9	SouthEast Telephone	Pikeville
10	Kindred Healthcare, Corporate	Louisville
11	National Patient Account Service	Louisville
12	Stites & Harbison PLLC	Louisville
13	Hilliard Lyons (J.J.B. Hilliard, W.L. Lyons, Inc.)	Louisville
14	Fifth Third Bank, Central Kentucky	Lexington
15	Saint Joseph HealthCare	Lexington
16	Somerset Community College	Somerset
17	Wyatt, Tarrant & Combs, LLP	Louisville
18	Central Bank	Lexington
19	Fischer Homes	Crestview Hills
20	Baptist Hospital East	Louisville
21	Commonwealth Hotels, Inc. (Corp. Office & KY Properties)	Covington
22	Bellarmino University	Louisville
23	Corning Incorporated	Harrodsburg
24	Norton Healthcare, Inc.	Louisville
25	Sam Swope Auto Group, LLC	Louisville

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