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'Frederick Best Places to Work' Honored

Focus for 2019: Showcasing Businesses that Know How to Have Fun

FREDERICK, MD – **Aug. 1, 2019:** Several Frederick area businesses were recognized at the Annual Best Places to Work awards program at the Delaplaine Visual Arts Education Center in Frederick, Maryland, on July 30. More than 100 nominations were submitted, and five companies stood out after judges completed the scoring.

Companies received awards in the primary award categories:

- Small Employer Category (1-10 employees) <u>Jim Bass Group</u> of Real Estate Teams
- Small to Medium Employer Category (11-30 employees) Orases
- Medium to Large Medium Employer Category (31 -50 employees) RoosterBio
- Large Employer Category (51-200 employees) Asbury Communities
- Major Employer Category (201+ employees) AstraZeneca

Winners are highlighted in the August issue of "Frederick" magazine.

Scoring categories included work-life balance, median salary, turnover rate, benefits and professional growth, as well as this year's theme: Companies that understand having fun in the work day create happy employees.

"I congratulate, and appreciate, that two of the five major category winners are based in The City of Frederick," said Mayor Michael O'Connor. "A great place to work, as defined in this award, has an impact on every layer of life and in a community. We can't put a price on that value, and good for them, setting this standard we should all emulate."

Frederick County Executive Jan Gardner said, "The annual Best Places to Work program showcased employers who recognize that their employees want to be happy, both in the work place and at home. They know how important a work-life balance is to their most important resource, their employees. By doing this, these businesses add to the quality of life in Frederick County. Congratulations to the businesses who received awards."

In addition to major category award winners, three additional companies that stood out for showing that they know how to have fun during the work day, while still getting the job done, were highlighted in a video. Those businesses are Matan Companies, Z Video Relay Service and Surelocked In Escape Games. The video can be found at www.frederickbestplacestowork.com

About Best Places to Work

The Best Places to Work campaign is a county-wide program intended to foster efforts to increase quality of life opportunities for Frederick County employees. The 2019 awards program is a partnership among Frederick County Workforce Services, The City of Frederick Department of Economic Development, Frederick County Office of Economic Development, and the Frederick County Chamber of Commerce.

For more information, visit www.frederickbestplacestowork.com.

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