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**THE HEALTHY BUSINESS COUNCIL OF OHIO HONORS CITY OF MEDINA**

*Medina, Ohio:* The Healthy Business Council of Ohio (HBCO) has announced that 96 Ohio employers have been recognized with the Healthy Worksite Award for healthy worksite practices in 2022. All 96 worksites will receive recognition on February 9, in Cleveland, at the Huntington Convention Center. Among the recipients being honored is the City of Medina, a Platinum award recipient in the Small Employer Category.

The Healthy Worksite Award recognizes Ohio employers who demonstrate a commitment to employee wellness through comprehensive worksite health promotion and wellness programs. Applicants are scored on the extent their wellness programs facilitate and encourage employee health, enhance productivity, and ensure a healthy work environment.

The online award application is available to all Ohio-based worksites from mid-August through late October each year. Four levels of high achievement were awarded for 2022 — Bronze, Silver, Gold and Platinum, in addition to an entry-level tier of “recognition”. To celebrate the accomplishments of Ohio worksites and their efforts to pivot and adapt during the pandemic, a Pandemic Response Section was included in this year’s extensive award application.

"This is the fourth year in a row Medina has received this award, giving us a total of two Gold awards and now two Platinum," said Mayor Dennis Hanwell. "We are very proud of the dedication the staff has shown for the Healthy Medina Workplace program. The results are that we have seen significant reductions in our health insurance and the staff is more proactive in their personal wellness. A special thanks goes out to City Wellness Coordinator Laureen Wilson and the City's Wellness Committee," the Mayor added.

In 2023, the award will have a stronger emphasis on how organizations support the holistic well-being of their employees with a greater focus on topics like mental health, financial wellness and more, issues that the City's wellness program is already working on. In addition, the application will better align with organizations that have shifted to a remote and/or hybrid work environment.

A complete list of the 2022 winners can be found at:  
[www.ohio.edu/wellworks/healthy-worksite-award-social-media-toolkit](http://www.ohio.edu/wellworks/healthy-worksite-award-social-media-toolkit)

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