

Griffin Honored with Tenth Year on FORTUNE Best Companies to Work for List

Derby, CT, January 22, 2009 – Griffin Hospital has been honored with a 10th year on the FORTUNE 2009 “100 Best Companies to Work For” list. Griffin ranked 62 on the 2009 list released today. Griffin is the only hospital in the nation to make the list for ten years.

Griffin was first invited to apply for selection to the FORTUNE list in 2000 and has made the list every year since. FORTUNE has issued the list of “100 Best Companies to Work For” since 1998. Only 13 of the original companies named to the list remain on the list in 2009 and only 37 have been on the list for ten years.

Griffin’s tenth year on the list is very timely as the hospital is also celebrating the 100th anniversary of its founding. Griffin was founded in 1909 with the support of community leaders who were convinced that the Valley should have its own hospital. What Griffin’s founders couldn’t foresee is that a hundred years later Griffin would be recognized internationally for its innovative programs, Planetree patient-centered approach to care, its unique healing environment and as a model for other health care organizations. They could also not have envisioned that Griffin would be recognized as one of the nation’s best employers, joining such nationally recognized companies as Google, Nordstrom, Microsoft, FedEx and the Mayo Clinic.

“Our tenth year on the FORTUNE list is a notable achievement that distinguishes Griffin Hospital as an employer of choice”, said Griffin’s President Patrick Charmel. “As the preferred hospital employer, Griffin has the ability to attract the best care givers who enable us to provide an exceptional patient experience. We consider every employee a care giver committed to putting the patient first and providing the highest quality of care and service to patients and their families.”

Describing what makes Griffin a great place to work, FORTUNE said: Famous for its patient-centric philosophy, Griffin soothes patients and staff with music in parking lots, family kitchens, chair massages, and noise abatement. FORTUNE Managing Editor Andy Serwer noted “No matter what happens with the economy, the demand for talent will remain. Great companies know that super-motivated, happy, world-class employees are an incredible competitive advantage.”

In the past year Griffin’s leadership team was selected by HealthLeaders magazine as the nation’s “2008 Top Leadership Team in Healthcare” for community and mid-size hospitals, selected by the Journal of Sacred Work for the Healing Trust as one of America’s top ten Healing Hospitals for the second year in a row and named to Training Magazines list of the “Top 125 employers for staff training and development” for the second time. Griffin’s Digestive Disorders Center nurses were recognized in a cover story by Advance for Nurses as New England’s “Best Nursing Team for 2008”.