Cultivating a healthy sense of pride and camaraderie amid tough times creates competitive advantages.
INTRODUCTION

Health care organizations are under pressure. They need to run efficiently while serving more patients and customers brought on by regulation and an aging population. Mergers and acquisitions are further squeezing operations and costs. Technological innovations are transforming everything from how patients are treated to how medical records are stored.

Keeping up with advancements and replacing retiring workers has created a health care employment boom. From 2000 to 2010, industry jobs outpaced the rest of the economy. Experts forecast health care providers will add another 4.2 million new positions by 2020. Demand is creating competition for in-demand positions, causing turnover to spike.

Amidst these changes, the 2016 Best Workplaces in Health Care have created environments that employees say make them feel close to their colleagues and proud of what they do. The family-friendly atmosphere and culture of camaraderie and giving back that they create allows them to better attract and retain employees, as evidenced by high job application rates, strong job growth, and low turnover.

Take a closer look at how these 20 health care list winners built great workplaces

Highlights of the Best Workplaces in Health Care

38.8 average applications per opening
15% job growth last year v. 10.7% for non-winners
30.6% of list winner employees work flex hours
8.6% percent annual voluntary turnover for full-time employees v. 14.4% industry average
90% of list winner employees agree “Taking everything into account, I would say this is a great place to work.”

Demographics

34,479 employees at 51 companies surveyed for the list
TX 4 Headquarters
CA 3 Headquarters
OH 3 Headquarters
PA 2 Headquarters
TN 2 Headquarters

64 average locations for list winners
5,500 average full-time employees for list winners
$80,257 average annual pay for nurses, most common hourly employee at 11 of 20 list winners
ONE BIG HAPPY FAMILY

“The thing I enjoy most about working at Scripps is the welcoming and warm-heartedness of the employees, including housekeeping, contractors, nurses, doctors, and food services and administration. I love coming to work and feeling welcomed like a part of a big family.”

EMPLOYEE AT SCRIPPS HEALTH (9), A SAN DIEGO HEALTH CARE SYSTEM WITH 13,281 EMPLOYEES

Best health care workplaces foster pride and esprit de corps. 2016 list winners cultivate workplaces that make employees feel close to coworkers and proud of what they do.

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<td>I'm proud to tell others I work here.</td>
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<td>When I look at what we accomplish, I feel a sense of pride.</td>
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<td>People care about each other here.</td>
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<td>There is a “family” or “team” feeling here.</td>
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<td>We're all in this together.</td>
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RESPECT AND FAIRNESS

An overwhelming majority of employees at list winners agree they’re treated well, in everything from compensation and profit sharing to the say they have in the how they do their jobs:

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<td>Management trusts people to do a good job without watching over their shoulders.</td>
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<td>Management recognizes honest mistakes as part of doing business.</td>
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<td>People here are paid fairly for the work they do.</td>
<td>76%</td>
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<td>I feel I receive a fair share of the profits made by this organization.</td>
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“We have shared governance, which encourages employees to get involved and point out opportunities for improvement. While we hold people accountable, we don’t blame people. The culture takes the sting out of making a mistake and encourages you to want to perform your very best.”

EMPLOYEE AT COTTAGE HEALTH (19), A CENTRAL CALIFORNIA NONPROFIT HEALTH CARE PROVIDER WITH 3,173 WORKERS
HEALTH CARE

List winners understand that providing superior health care starts with taking care of their own. Best health care employers offer generous benefits and programs for employees and their families:

Average Benefits for List Winners

- **84%** Percent of health care premium covered for full-time employees
- **71%** Percentage of health care premium covered for FT employees’ dependents
- **73%** Percent of health care premium covered for part-time workers

“This organization cares about employees’ whole health! I appreciate the extra benefits given through the Be Healthy program. Employees are rewarded for healthy lifestyles and making changes to be healthy. This not only encourages employees, but sets an example for our community as a leader in health care.”

AN EMPLOYEE AT TEXAS HEALTH RESOURCES (1), A NONPROFIT HEALTH CARE SYSTEM WITH 18,381 EMPLOYEES
GIVING BACK

As you’d expect at organizations devoted to helping people, employees at best health care workplaces take pride in contributing to the community, and list winners support them in that endeavor:

**BENCO DENTAL**
Benco Dental (20) employees logged 2,000 volunteer hours in 2015 and pledged $55,000+ to United Way, an amount the company matched.

**AMERISOURCEBERGEN CORP.**
AmerisourceBergen Corp. (15) gives employees 8 hours a year of paid volunteer time off to work at a qualified charitable organization of their choice.

**ADEPTUS HEALTH**
Adeptus Health (11) donated 50,000+ toys to Operation Gratitude and 10,000 to Toys for Tots from employees and the community.

**LICKING MEMORIAL HEALTH SYSTEMS**
Licking Memorial Health Systems (12) uses vegetables from a garden on the grounds in its hospital café and donates excess produce to the community.

94% of employees say...

“I feel good about the ways we contribute to the community.”

“I’m proud to tell others I work here.”

on par with employees at the 2016 100 Best Companies to Work For.
BUSINESS BENEFITS

List winners’ people practices make them more attractive to existing and potential employees, which benefits the organizations’ bottom line. List winners average:

- 15% job growth, vs. 10.7% for non-winners
- 319 new positions added in the past 12 months
- 38.8 applications per opening
- 21.7% new hires from employee referrals
- 8.6% annual turnover of full-time employees vs. 14.4% industry average

"I can be myself. I don’t need to put on a front when I’m with my team. I feel like the work I do is helping our community and making a difference in the lives of the people we serve. I am proud to work here and hope to stay for years."

- EMPLOYEE AT MARTIN’S POINT HEALTH CARE (5), A MAINE HEALTH AND INSURANCE NONPROFIT WITH A STAFF OF 808

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