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Local nonprofit wins national award

Health Education Council honored with “Best Nonprofit to Work For Award”

Sacramento, CA – After going through a national nomination process for the Opportunity Knocks “1st People’s Choice Best Nonprofit to Work For Award”, only the best of the best in nonprofit organizations were recognized with the first-time award.

The Health Education Council (HEC) was honored with a “People’s Choice Best Nonprofit to Work For Award” by Opportunity Knocks, the national online job site for the nonprofit community. They were one of four winners in the \$1.5 million to \$3 million annual budget category.

The awards were presented to nonprofit organizations throughout the country that are dedicated to making a difference in the communities they serve and making a positive impact in the lives of their employees. The winners were chosen from a select group of essays submitted by employees from organizations that fit that mold.

“The HEC is honored to win this award,” said Debra Oto-Kent, Executive Director of the Health Education Council. “Our committed staff brings our mission to life every day – helping underserved communities lead healthier lives.”

The employees openly wrote about their quality of life at work and how they balanced work/life, their organizations’ adherence to its mission and values, camaraderie of employees, unique benefits, training programs and the different career paths available to them at their organization.

“Opportunity Knocks saw the need to provide nonprofit professionals a platform to give recognition and appreciation to the organizations providing quality work environments for the people in jobs that change the world,” said Karen Beavor, President/CEO of Opportunity Knocks.

Other winning organizations include the Boys & Girls Club of Philadelphia, Metro Atlanta YMCA and the Brain Injury Association of Georgia. These organizations are just as dedicated to their missions and their employees as the HEC is to theirs.

The HEC won the award for all the hard work they do promoting healthy communities to at risk populations throughout the Sacramento region, and for their commitment to the people that deliver the health education programs in efforts to break down barriers standing in the way of leading active, healthy lives, helping make a difference in the communities they serve.

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