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## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **PAA Recognizes Two Alberta Organizations for Healthy Workplace Practice**

The Psychologists' Association of Alberta recognizes two employers for their efforts in creating positive work environments that promote employee wellbeing. The 2017 PAA Psychologically Healthy Workplace Initiative Award winners are Alberta School Employee Benefit Plan and Hallmark Tubulars Ltd of Calgary.

**The Alberta School Employee Benefit Plan (ASEBP)** is a Not-For-Profit health and welfare trust with 151 employees in a mix of full-time, part-time and contract positions. With a primary focus on school employee health and wellness, ASEBP provides comprehensive health benefits and services to the K-12 public education sector in Alberta.

They are proud to support the mental health and wellbeing of their own employees by promoting work-life balance through practices like earned-days-off and paid volunteer days and fostering mental health literacy by encouraging all staff

to attend their two-day, on-site Mental Health First-Aid training. Employees are also encouraged to seek other training and development opportunities to help them advance their career.

**Hallmark Tubulars Ltd of Calgary** are a For-Profit company with 130 full time employees and 2 part-time employees. They are a company who appreciates their staff by valuing diversity and life experiences, recognizing initiative and rewarding talent and loyalty.

Their relationships with customers, staff and suppliers are built on a foundation of respect, integrity and openness.

The PAA Healthy Workplace Initiatives Awards are designed to recognize organizations that are creating workplaces that foster employee health and well-being while enhancing organizational performance. Nominees are evaluated on their workplace practices in the areas of employee involvement, employee growth and development, work-life balance, employee recognition, and

health and safety. Awards are given to for-profit and not-for-profit organizations as well as government and educational institutions. Winners of this prestigious award are also eligible for the international *Psychologically Healthy Workplace Awards*, sponsored by the American Psychological Association (APA). Our 2017 winners are also recognized by the APA as [Local Award Winners](#).

The PAA Healthy Workplace Initiatives Awards are one of many initiatives of the PAA Psychologically Healthy Workplace Committee. Visit our [website](#) to learn more about this award and how to create a work environment where employees and organizations thrive.

*The Psychologists' Association of Alberta is the voice of, and for, psychology in Alberta. This voluntary body advocates for psychology in Alberta, informs the public and the media, and advocates for consumers of psychotherapy, psychological, and mental health services. The mission of the PAA is to advance the science-based profession of psychology and to promote the well-being and potential of all Albertans.*