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HEALTHY ST. PETE RECOGNIZES ORGANIZATIONS IN ST. PETE THAT PRIORITIZE WELLNESS

St. Petersburg, FL (May 2021) – Healthy St. Pete, an initiative of the City of St. Petersburg and a division of the St. Petersburg Parks and Recreation Department, recognized Healthier Together certified workplaces and neighborhoods last month during the Healthier Together Workshop and Awards.

Healthy St. Pete's Certification Program, developed in 2020, is part of the Healthier Together Initiative and promotes wellness, encourages the adoption of healthy behaviors, and establishes supportive communities. Workplaces and neighborhood associations can apply by completing an online assessment that looks at organizational best practices and community health outreach to evaluate the overall quality and comprehensiveness of workplace and neighborhood wellness.

Twenty-seven organizations have received recognition from the City of St. Petersburg and Healthy St. Pete as Healthier Together Certified Workplaces or Neighborhoods. There are three levels of certification: gold, silver and bronze. Gold level partners include: Back2Normal Physical Therapy, Bayfront Health St. Petersburg, City of St. Petersburg, Pinellas County Schools, Raymond James Financial, Tampa Bay Times, Volunteers of America of Florida, W3 Insurance and YMCA of Greater St. Petersburg. Certified partners are recognized at Healthy St. Pete's quarterly Healthier Together Workshops that provide local business professionals and residents an interactive opportunity to network, collaborate and discuss key issues surrounding health and wellness in the community.

"I love working with Healthy St. Pete," said Lisa Chase, owner of Back2Normal Physical Therapy. "I recently completed their Healthier Together Certification evaluation to help me identify how to improve the health and well-being of our workplace. It gave me great insight and resource to help us achieve optimal health for our staff and patients."

An integral part of the certification program is the Community Resource Library with detailed information about how organizations can improve their assessment score. The goal of the certification is to be an evolving process for workplaces and neighborhoods to continually improve.

For more information about the Healthier Together Certification Program, visit www.healthystpetefl.com/healthier-together or contact Healthy St. Pete at 727-892-5994.

About Healthy St. Pete

Healthy St. Pete, a division of the St. Petersburg Parks and Recreation Department created from an initiative of the City of St. Petersburg, works to build a culture of health in St. Petersburg by making the healthy choice the easy choice through innovative programs and community collaboration. The division improves health outcomes, reduces health inequities, implements policies and programs and encourages the community to eat, shop, live and play healthy in a city where the sun shines on all. Visit www.HealthyStPeteFL.com to learn more.

About the City of St. Petersburg

One of Florida's largest cities, the City of St. Petersburg is a city of opportunity where the sun shines on all who come to live, work and play. It's an innovative, creative and competitive community that honors its past while pursuing its future. Visit www.StPete.org to learn more.

About the St. Petersburg Parks and Recreation Department

The St. Petersburg Parks and Recreation Department is nationally accredited by the Commission for Accreditation of Park and Recreation Agencies, and with 17 recreation facilities, nine swimming pools, over 150 parks and more than 70 athletic fields, the department makes it a mission to preserve and enhance the city's parklands and recreational facilities and engage the community in leisure activities. Visit www.StPeteParksRec.org to learn more.

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