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Nugget Markets Celebrates 10 Years on FORTUNE's List of "100 Best Companies to Work For"

Associates cite company's commitment to providing a family-friendly work environment as key ingredient in creating a great place to work

Thanks to <u>Nugget Markets</u>' associate responses, the local, family-owned-and-operated grocer has ranked #26 on FORTUNE Magazine's 2015 national list of "100 Best Companies to Work For" marking a 10-year milestone.

"Our company's success is fueled by every associate's passion and commitment to providing outstanding guest service and quality products. Together with my family and leadership team, I thank every associate and leader within the company for creating a dynamic, family-friendly work environment that supports the health and well-being of every associate's professional and personal life," says Eric Stille, CEO and President of Nugget Markets.

Over the past 10 years, associates have consistently expressed that they are welcomed and embraced by the real "family" feel at Nugget Markets, where fun and a positive attitude are built into the everyday culture.

"Everyone here is a family and a team. I love coming to work and being able to have so much fun while on the job," quotes an anonymous associate on FORTUNE's <u>Great Rated site</u>.

"The fun factor and positive attitude brought to work by every associate provides the basis of our energetic culture. Each associate's attitude and eagerness to have fun on the job translates into a unique shopping experience for our guests. Encouraging our extended family to enjoy their time at work naturally creates a win-win for everyone; associates and guests alike," says Stille.

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Nugget Markets is a family owned and operated grocery chain serving the greater Sacramento Valley since 1926 with nine Nugget Markets, one Fork Lift by Nugget Markets and two Food 4 Less stores. Later this month, Nugget Markets will acquire three stores in Marin County.

Methodology:

FORTUNE Magazine partners annually with Great Place to Work® to conduct the most extensive employee survey in corporate America to identify the 100 Best Companies to Work For ®. Two-thirds of a company's survey score is based on the results of the Trust Index © Employee Survey, which is sent to a random sample of employees from each company. This survey asks questions related to employees' attitudes about management's credibility, overall job satisfaction,

and camaraderie. The other third is based on responses to the Culture Audit ©, which includes detailed questionnaires about pay and benefit programs and a series of open-ended questions about hiring practices, methods of internal communication, training, recognition programs and diversity efforts.