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## Plumbers & Pipefitters Local 51 earns Worksite Health Award for commitment to employee health and well-being

(East Providence), RI (December 27, 2021) – Plumbers & Pipefitters Local 51 was recognized with an Outstanding Worksite Health Award from Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Rhode Island (BCBSRI) and the Greater Providence Chamber of Commerce (the Chamber) for effective programs encouraging employee health and well-being in a meaningful way.

"We here at Plumbers & Pipefitters Local 51 prioritize the health and safety of our members and their families. We are proud to be the only building trades union to receive the Worksite Health Award over the past five years." -Paul Alvarez, Business Manager

The 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Worksite Health Awards celebrate companies that prioritize employee wellness. Plumbers & Pipefitters Local 51 was one of more than 30 Rhode Island-based businesses honored by BCBSRI and the Chamber in recognition of their continued efforts to advance employee wellness and build a healthier Rhode Island.

The Worksite Health Awards are an opportunity for employers to learn from best practices while showcasing the advances being made every day to improve the health and well-being of Rhode Islanders at work. In this year's awards, companies were once again recognized for their support of employees' physical and emotional well-being during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. With so many still working remotely, there continues to be a heightened priority on connecting with employees through new and innovative wellness offerings.

The focus of this program is to maintain a healthy workforce and promote life-long health initiatives.

2021 marks the 5<sup>th</sup> consecutive year Plumbers & Pipefitters Local 51 has received a Worksite Health Award. Since 1995, the awards have recognized businesses of all sizes headquartered in Rhode Island that demonstrate exceptional health and wellness programs and health-oriented workplace policies. For more information about the Worksite Health Awards, please visit <a href="https://doi.org/10.2012/journal.org/">bcbsri.com/worksitehealth</a>.

## About BCBSRI

Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Rhode Island (bcbsri.com) is a non-profit, community-focused health plan established in 1939 to help Rhode Islanders finance their healthcare needs. Today, that purpose is still foundational to our work. We have a vision to passionately lead a state of health and well-being across Rhode Island. And we are committed to improving the health and peace of mind of our 420,000 members by facilitating their access to affordable, high-quality healthcare. We are an independent licensee of the Blue Cross and Blue Shield Association. Connect with us on Twitter, Facebook, LinkedIn and Instagram. Listen to BCBSRI's podcast, The Rhode to Health, on SoundCloud, Apple Podcasts and Spotify.

## About the Greater Providence Chamber of Commerce

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