

SANOFI PASTEUR ANNOUNCED AS A BIOTECanada GOLD LEAF AWARD WINNER

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BIOTECanada is pleased to announce Sanofi Pasteur has been named winner of a Gold Leaf Award for 2011. The Contribution to Canadian Communities - Company of the Year award was created to acknowledge the contributions made by biotechnology companies to Canadian communities. This award recognizes a BIOTECanada member company who has established a solid foundation of social responsibility and demonstrated continued commitment in Canada.

Sanofi Pasteur's contribution to Canadian communities goes beyond the vital researching, manufacturing and production of vaccines for the prevention and treatment of infectious diseases. In addition to supporting health-related initiatives in the local, national and global community, Sanofi Pasteur is an established leader in science education and a strong supporter of local community programs.

"I am pleased for Sanofi Pasteur and offer my sincere congratulations on behalf of our association and members," said Peter Benders President and CEO of BIOTECanada. "Since knowing the dedicated group of employees at Sanofi Pasteur I have been inspired by their commitment to Canadian Communities from coast to coast."

"Sanofi Pasteur is honoured to receive this recognition. Our company was built on one man's determination to make a difference. Today, we have over 1100 employees in Canada continuing the legacy of protecting public health, supporting science education and enhancing the lives of people in the community," said Mark Lievonon, President, Sanofi Pasteur Limited.

In 1994, the company founded the Sanofi-Aventis BioTalent Challenge (SABC), an annual competition designed to raise awareness about the science of biotechnology and its applications in healthcare, agriculture and environment. The program gives students research funding to help develop their cutting-edge proposals, with assistance from professional/academic mentors and access to scientific skill training and facilities. SABC is supported by over 100 sponsors, including the National Research Council of Canada, Genome Canada and BioTalent Canada. It has grown to include competitions in 14 Canadian regions, covering a range of research topics- from cancer and Alzheimer's disease, to crops and the environment. SABC has benefited more than 4,000 students, with 63% of past participants making long-term career plans in medicine, research or natural sciences. The program's overall value is approximately \$1.8 million annually.

To further its commitment to building talent for the future, Sanofi Pasteur boasts a Co-op Hiring program for university and college students. The company offered placement in key science and technology positions to 67 co-op students in 2010. Sanofi Pasteur also fosters a relationship with the Newtonbrook Secondary School in Toronto, by donating used computers



and equipment to support the school's educational programs. In addition to these contributions, Sanofi Pasteur scientists offer students engaging talks on the pursuit of university education and careers in science.

Sanofi Pasteur supports outreach efforts initiated by employees as well. Among these is the Visions of Science program, founded by a long-time employee, dedicated to promoting science and technology in minority communities across Toronto. Each year, employees volunteer to share their experiences, inspiring youths to pursue education and careers in science. Sanofi Pasteur is a program Gold Sponsor, donating over \$80,000 to its annual Science Symposium to date.

Beyond educational outreach, Sanofi Pasteur strongly believes in supporting initiatives that improve the quality of life in communities locally, and around the world. A long-standing partner of Health Partners International Canada, the company recently donated a \$3.8 million shipment of tetanus and diphtheria vaccines to immunize 200,000 children in Bolivia. In addition to three yearly blood drives and substantial contributions to United Way (last year's corporate and employee United Way contributions: \$202,261), World Vision, Salvation Army and North York Harvest Food Bank employees also raise funds for the Heart & Stroke Foundation, Canadian Diabetes Association, Canadian Cancer Society, CIBC Run for the Cure, Parkinson Society Canada, etc., including relief efforts for global natural disasters and aid for local causes.

Sanofi Pasteur is proud to be a socially responsible member of the community, through active participation in green initiatives such as SmartCommute (winner 2010, Employer of the Year), energy-conscious new building construction and retrofitting, as well as 44% waste diversion achieved in 2010.

Join us at the Canada Café at the BIO International Convention to meet Canada's best in biotechnology. June 28th, 2011 in Washington DC. Booth number 3705 at 4pm.

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