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ATLANTIC HEALTH NAMED A 'BEST EMPLOYER FOR WORKERS OVER 50' ATLANTIC HEALTH IS SOLE HOSPITAL SYSTEM IN TRI-STATE AREA ON AARP LIST

MORRISTOWN, NJ OCTOBER 3, 2008 – Atlantic Health was recognized for a third consecutive year by AARP as a company that values and seeks to retain its more experienced employees through a variety of programs and benefits.

Atlantic Health, the parent company of Morristown Memorial Hospital and Overlook Hospital in Summit, was named as one of AARP's "Best Employers for Workers Over 50," for 2008. After taking honors last year as the highest-ranked hospital system from New Jersey on the list of 50 companies chosen from throughout the country, Atlantic Health this year was the only hospital system in the tri-state area on the list.

AARP's "Best Employers for Workers Over 50" is an annual program that acknowledges progressive workplace policies and practices designed to meet the needs of an aging workforce. By 2016, one-third of the total U.S. workforce (or 33.5 percent) will be age 50 or older, up from 28 percent in 2007, according to AARP. Winners demonstrate outstanding recruiting practices, opportunities for training, education and career development, flexible scheduling and other policies especially beneficial to older workers.

"The knowledge and expertise of our older workforce benefits all of our employees. It is very gratifying to see that our efforts have been so well-received by our '50-plus' workers and returning retirees and that this success is being recognized by AARP," said Andrew Kovach, vice-president of Human Resources and Chief Administrative Officer, Atlantic Health.

More than a third of Atlantic Health's employees are age 50 or older, and those employees are employed at Atlantic Health for an average of about 15 years. The company employs nearly 2,000 retirees who are offered a variety of work options, such as temporary work assignments, consulting and contract work, telecommuting, and part-time work.

AARP selected Atlantic Health's "1000 Hour Club," as one of its winning strategies. Through this program, retirees can work on a limited basis with flexible scheduling with no impact on retirement benefits. In addition, the hospital offers a free workshop on Medicare to employees, their spouses, parents, and grandparents.

In addition to a retirement savings plan for employees in which workers over 50 can make catch-up contributions, Atlantic Health also offers workshops to assist "plus-50" workers with retirement planning and wellness programs that include flu shots, health screenings and exercise programs.

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Atlantic Health was selected from employers throughout the country who submitted applications for the list. To be considered, all interested employers were required to complete an application covering six key categories: recruiting practices, workplace culture, continued opportunities, employee benefits, retiree benefits, and organization statistics. In addition to for-profit and non-profit companies, the program has been expanded to include public employers at the local, state, and federal levels.

To read more about why AARP selected Atlantic Health as a “Best Employer for Workers Over 50,” visit: http://www.aarp.org/money/work/best_employers/articles/atlantic_health.html

For more information on Atlantic Health, visit www.atlantichealth.org

ABOUT ATLANTIC HEALTH

Atlantic Health (atlantichealth.org) is one of the largest non-profit health care systems in New Jersey and includes Overlook Hospital in Summit and Morristown Memorial Hospital. The two hospitals have a combined total of 1,133 licensed beds and more than 2,100 affiliated physicians providing a wide array of health care services to the five million residents of 11 Northern and Central New Jersey counties. Specialty services include cardiovascular care, neurosciences, pediatrics, cancer care; orthopedics, diabetes care, gastroenterology, trauma and emergency medicine, behavioral health, minimally invasive surgery radiology and advanced diagnostics, women’s health and maternal fetal medicine, home and hospice care and rehabilitation services. In 2008, Atlantic Health will complete the new Gagnon Cardiovascular Institute, a 200,000 square-foot facility at Morristown Memorial that will consolidate Atlantic Health’s cardiovascular services. The Gagnon Cardiovascular Institute includes services at Morristown Memorial and Overlook hospitals.

Atlantic Health is a Major Clinical Research Affiliate with The Cancer Institute of New Jersey. Atlantic Health’s hospitals are accredited by The Joint Commission. Atlantic Health is the primary academic and clinical affiliate in New Jersey of Mount Sinai School of Medicine and The Mount Sinai Hospital.

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