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**American Heart Association recognizes Dupps  
as one of the top healthy workplaces nationwide.**

**Germantown, Ohio** — The Dupps Company is proud to announce that it has been honored by the American Heart Association with Gold Level Workplace Health Achievement recognition. Dupps is one of only twenty-one companies nationwide of its size to earn the Association's highest level of recognition based on an assessment that measures both the health of an organization's workplace and the health of its workforce.

The American Heart Association has defined best practices for employers to use to build a culture of health for their employees in the workplace. The American Heart Association's Workplace Health Achievement Index measures the extent to which the company has implemented those workplace health best practices. Companies recognized at the Gold level have achieved an Index score of 175 - 217 out of a maximum 217 points.

According to Melinda Hardin, Human Resources/Well-Being Coordinator at Dupps, "The American Heart Association was very thorough in their evaluation of both our company's wellness efforts and our workforce's adoption of a healthy lifestyle. While it's wonderful to be recognized as a company with this award, we couldn't be prouder of all the people here who have taken positive steps toward better health. It's a strong indication that our 'Commit 2B Fit' initiative is working." Ms. Hardin explained that 'Commit 2B Fit' is the Dupps Company's comprehensive program of healthy activities, on-site health screenings, in-house health provider care, wellness counseling and financial incentives for maintaining a healthy lifestyle.

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In addition to this latest recognition by the American Heart Association, Dupps has received the 2018 Dayton's Healthiest Employers Award, the 2018 Ohio Healthy Workplace Award, and the 2018 FMA/CNA Safety Award of Merit.

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The Dupps Company, designs builds and markets the world's most comprehensive line of rendering systems and machinery for the protein co-products industry, including cookers, dryers, screw presses, size reduction machinery, material handling systems and evaporator systems, as well as complete rendering plant installations. Dupps also provides complete service support, including maintenance and repair, of all rendering equipment. In addition, The Dupps Company serves the pulp and paper, oilseed, fishmeal and other industries with a variety of processing systems and equipment. Another Dupps Company subsidiary, RSS, LLC, manufactures Harmonite™, a 100% sustainable organic-inorganic composite powder used as a base ingredient and process aid in rubber, coating, adhesive, sealant and elastomer formulations.

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