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LOCAL, FAMILY-OWNED GROCERY CHAIN MAKES

FORTUNE'S "100 BEST COMPANIES TO WORK FOR" LIST

Choosing to recognize a small grocery chain for its unique company culture, *FORTUNE* magazine has named Nugget Market, Inc. one of America's "100 Best Companies to Work For". Officially, Nugget is ranked #33 in the nation. Humbled and thrilled, President/CEO Eric Stille remarks, "We are absolutely honored to have made the list. It affirms one of our highest goals: to be a world-class employer."

Founded in 1926, Nugget Markets now owns and operates six stores in Woodland, Davis, Vacaville, Sacramento and West Sacramento, as well as three Food 4 Less stores in Vallejo, Woodland and Cameron Park. Throughout its 80-year history, Nugget has recognized that its associates (employees) are the company's greatest asset.

An appreciative Stille explains, "Without a doubt, our associates make us who we are. The competition can attempt to duplicate our store designs, products and prices, but they cannot duplicate our people. To support our world-class associates, we create an empowering culture that produces mutual trust, fulfillment and respect. We also provide them an industry-leading compensation package, entrust them with major responsibilities, and give them limitless opportunities for growth. In this company, our associates can achieve anything they want."

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Every year, the Great Place to Work Institute® in San Francisco evaluates thousands of companies and compiles the “100 Best” list for *FORTUNE*. One-third of a company’s ranking is based on a comprehensive Culture Audit that evaluates its policies and procedures. However, fully two-thirds of the company’s ranking is determined by 57-question surveys given out to a minimum of 400 randomly selected employees, analyzing the business’s level of credibility, respect, fairness, pride and camaraderie.

“The random surveys give us a candid, 360-degree view of how our associates see this company,” says Stille, “We’re thankful that they see us as top-notch.”

So how can a local grocer stand among firms that have waterfalls in their lobbies, catered lunches, skyscraper-corner-window offices and stock options for all? “It’s about creating a family atmosphere filled with teamwork, rewards, security and fun,” Stille says, “At Nugget/Food 4 Less, we look at all of those factors in everything we do. If a business decision detracts from one of these ‘cornerstones’, we don’t do it.”

In 2006, Nugget Markets is celebrating 80 years of business. “We’ve come a long way since my grandfather and great-grandfather started this company,” Stille reflects, “Last year, *Progressive Grocer* magazine named us the ‘Outstanding Independent Retailer of the Year’. This year, we are elated that our associates consider us one of the nation’s ‘100 Best Companies to Work For’. We couldn’t have made it here without the support of all our neighbors. We’re very grateful to both the guests who shop in our stores and to our outstanding associates.”

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