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**Lee Health Again Named One of the Country's Best Employers for Women**  
*Lee Health earns top 100 spot on Forbes Magazine's Annual Rankings*

(Fort Myers, Fla. – August 8, 2019) --- Lee Health is included among some of the world's most recognizable organizations including Microsoft, JPMorgan Chase and the Mayo Clinic in Forbes Magazine's annual "Best Employers for Women" rankings.

Forbes partnered with market research company Statista to identify companies and organizations that support women in areas that are important to them, such as:

- Pay equity
- Opportunities for advancement
- Family leave

Statista surveyed 60,000 Americans, including 40,000 women, and ranked the top 300 employers in the United States. Lee Health ranked 91<sup>st</sup>.

"It's an honor to be included as one of the best employers for women in the country," said Lisa Sgarlata, chief patient officer and chief nurse executive. "This recognition exemplifies our commitment to empowering all employees and building a flexible, inclusive culture at Lee Health."

Respondents in the Statista survey were first asked to rate their organizations on criteria such as working conditions, diversity and how likely they'd be to recommend their employer to others. These responses were reviewed for potential gender gaps. The company then asked female respondents to rate their employers on factors such as parental leave, discrimination and pay equity. Respondents were also asked to nominate organizations in industries outside their own. The final list ranks the 300 employers that both received the most recommendations and included the most gender-diverse boards and executive ranks.

For more information about the list of Best Employers for Women, click [here](#).

**About Lee Health**

*Since the opening of the first hospital in 1916, Lee Health has been a health care leader in Southwest Florida, constantly evolving to meet the needs of the community. A non-profit, integrated health care services organization, Lee Health is committed to the well-being of every individual served, focused on healthy living and maintaining good health. Staffed by caring people, inspiring health, services are conveniently located throughout the community in four acute care hospitals, two specialty hospitals, outpatient centers, walk-in medical centers, primary care and specialty physician practices and other services across the continuum of care. Formerly known as Lee Memorial Health System, the organization began its second century of service with a new name in 2016. Learn more at [www.LeeHealth.org](http://www.LeeHealth.org).*