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### **AbbVie's Cork Employees Help Transform Carrigtwohill School's Facilities During Their Global Volunteering Week**

- Close to 50 employees from AbbVie's Cork manufacturing plant in Carrigtwohill helped to improve and upgrade facilities at St Aloysius College, Carrigtwohill, Cork
- Outreach involves improvements at the school's gym, common room and gardens
- Approximately 8,000 AbbVie volunteers in more than 50 countries – including more than 350 in Cork, Dublin and Sligo – will volunteer 36,000 hours to worthwhile community projects – especially in the area of education.
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**Cork, June 2018** – AbbVie, a global biopharmaceutical company with a manufacturing plant in Cork, marked the fifth anniversary of its *Week of Possibilities* volunteering programme with a facelift project at a local Cork school. For the fifth consecutive year, AbbVie employees joined forces with nonprofit partners to enhance education through volunteerism and improvement projects.

In total, approximately 8,000 AbbVie employees in more than 50 countries will volunteer 36,000 hours assisting their local communities. Over the last five years, the AbbVie Foundation – with the assistance of AbbVie employee volunteers – has positively impacted almost 19 million people around the world.

Employees from AbbVie's manufacturing plant in Cork will help upgrade facilities at nearby St Aloysius College, Carrigtwohill, Cork. Their volunteer efforts included the cleaning and painting of the school gym; painting and resurfacing work in the school gardens and the redecoration of a dedicated common room and project space, which is used by the school's transition year students.



AbbVie believes in making a strong commitment to local communities. In partnership with not-for-profit groups, such as Points of Light, the company undertakes improvement projects – particularly in education – through charitable giving as well as employee engagement.

In Ireland, AbbVie has joined forces with the national volunteer development agency, Volunteer Ireland. Together, they have planned and implemented *Week of Possibilities* projects in three communities in Cork, Sligo and Dublin – locations at which the company has a major presence. The partnership with Volunteer Ireland ensures AbbVie’s efforts align with the needs of their local communities.

Speaking about the positive impact of the *Week of Possibilities* initiative **Seán Twomey, Principal of St Aloysius College** said: “We feel so fortunate to have had AbbVie visit us as part of their *Week of Possibilities* project. The addition of an Innovation Space will be fantastic for our students, somewhere St. Al’s girls can come together and collaborate to work on projects such as the Young Scientist Competition and Young Social Innovators. We see this as a space that we can bring together science, technology and creativity, a part of our school that allows our students not to be confined by a curriculum but only by the limits of their imagination. I honestly can’t thank AbbVie enough.

“In addition, when I heard they were willing to help re-paint and renovate our gym I thought we had won the good luck lottery, it hasn’t been given a facelift in over 30 years! The students won’t recognise it when they return. Renovating schools is just as important as building new ones and Glenmary Gym has a proud history which AbbVie are helping bring back to life.”

Now an annual event all over the world, AbbVie’s *Week of Possibilities* was founded in 2014. It is funded in part by the AbbVie Foundation. AbbVie employees have expanded their commitment each year, giving 17,000 volunteer hours in 45 countries in 2015; 26,000 hours in 51 countries in 2016; and 33,000 hours in 57 countries in 2017.

Commenting on the Cork project **Mairead Dunne, Site Director, AbbVie Cork** said: “*Week of Possibilities* reflects AbbVie’s commitment to transforming education for communities in need. Over the past five



years, AbbVie employees have volunteered their time, talent and efforts to help improve their local communities to do what they can to support and improve the educational resources available locally.”

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