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### **AbbVie's Cork Employees Show Their Commitment to STEM During Global Volunteering Week**

- More than 400 employees from across AbbVie's four locations in Ireland (Cork, Dublin and Sligo) volunteer to improve the communities where they live and work
- Almost 60 employees from AbbVie's Cork offices improve Cork school's facilities
- Third consecutive year that AbbVie's employees have participated in this global volunteering project

**Cork, June 2017** –AbbVie, a global biopharmaceutical company with a significant presence in Cork, recently celebrated its fourth annual *Week of Possibilities*. The week-long initiative is AbbVie's signature annual volunteering where more than 6,000 employees in 50+ countries come together to make a difference in their respective communities around the world.

The employee volunteers joined non-profit partners , including charities, to renovate school libraries and classrooms, build playgrounds from the ground up, lead science, technology, engineering and maths (STEM) education initiatives, and tackle other projects that enhance education and opportunities for underserved communities around the world.

Almost 60 AbbVie employees from AbbVie's manufacturing facility in Carrigtwohill, Cork completed an extensive renovation of a computer lab and the school gardens in Scoil Chlochair Mhuire, Carrigtwohill during the week-long initiative. The activity reflects the company's ongoing commitment to STEM, and means that students will have a stimulating and fit-for-purpose computer facility when they return from their summer recess.

These volunteer efforts included the cleaning and painting of portable cabins; painting and resurfacing work in school's playground; and the planting of a herb/winter garden. The team of AbbVie employees also replaced and fitted essential new IT equipment to create the ideal learning environment.



In every *Week of Possibilities* location, the hands-on service projects are designed and implemented in partnership with non-profit partners close to the communities being served, including Volunteer Ireland. These partnerships ensure that AbbVie volunteer efforts align with the needs of the community.

“AbbVie’s approach to our partnership – and its relationships with community partners – demonstrates what’s possible when corporate volunteers come together to work on projects which provide real value in the community,” said **Anna Gunning, Volunteer Ireland**. “By shaping the activities during Week of Possibilities based on what communities really need, it allows the volunteers to have the greatest impact.

Speaking about the positive impact of the Week of Possibilities initiative, **Nora Moran, Principal of Scoil Chlochair Mhuire, Carrigtwohill**:

“AbbVie’s volunteers have made a great contribution to the learning environs in our school – pupils and staff are delighted with the renovation of our computer lab, the bright and colourful additions to our playground and gardens, as well as assisting us in organising our drama department.

“Children’s learning will be much more enjoyable and AbbVie’s support will touch many families. Week of Possibilities has had a great buzz of positivity about it, showing a great sense of community spirit. We sincerely thank all involved.”

“Week of Possibilities demonstrates our deep commitment to giving back to our communities and people in need. These volunteer opportunities are critically important to who we are as a company and the fabric of our culture,” said **Mairead Dunne, Site Director, AbbVie Cork**. “As a company, we are also committed to leveraging our expertise in the field of STEM to help transform education in the communities in which we work, and our work with Scoil Chlochair Mhuire reflects this ambition.”

AbbVie launched “Week of Possibilities” in 2014, focusing on projects in North Chicago, Illinois, where the company is based. In 2015, AbbVie employees expanded their commitment to 45 countries, where



more than 17,000 service hours were donated to nonprofit organizations. The AbbVie initiative has continued to grow, and in 2016, the programme volunteered over 25,000 service hours in 50 countries.

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