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AbbVie's Sligo Employees Donate more than 1,000 Hours to Help Transform Local Training Centre During Global Volunteering Week

- Almost 300 employees from AbbVie's two manufacturing sites in Sligo volunteer for more than 1,000 hours during a one week period to refurbish local training centre
- Third consecutive year that AbbVie's employees have participated in this global volunteering initiative

SLIGO, Ireland, June 2017 –AbbVie, a global biopharmaceutical company with a significant presence in Sligo, recently celebrated its fourth annual *Week of Possibilities*. The week-long initiative is AbbVie's signature annual volunteering project and 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.

Employees from AbbVie's medical devices centre of excellence in Ballytivnan and their pharmaceutical plant on the Manorhamilton Road offered assistance to modernize and improve the Sligo Leitrim Personal Support and Training Service centre for adults with a disability.

Over the course of one week, more than 300 AbbVie employees from the two sites volunteered more than 1,000 hours to help completely refurbish the premises. These volunteer efforts included the creation of a new sensory room, the complete redecoration of the interior and exterior of the building, the provision of new furniture, updating the building's heating system and landscaping of the grounds to create the ideal environment for users of the Ballytivnan facility.



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 meet 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**. “Shaping activities during Week of Possibilities based on what communities really need allows the volunteers to have the greatest impact.

Speaking about the impact of the Week of Possibilities initiative **Ann-Marie Banks, Training Services Manager, Health Service Executive, Ballytivnan Training Centre, Sligo** said:

“We are thrilled to be offered this opportunity by AbbVie, with the support of volunteer Ireland. It's going to make a huge difference to us all, particularly the service users. There's a great buzz and energy about the place all week.

“The value of volunteering to the community and the team spirit created was very evident. AbbVie and Volunteer Ireland are to be commended for their commitment to local communities. For myself and the team here in the centre, it was a great example of how not for profit organisations and the private sector can work together to make a positive difference. Hopefully we can maintain the relationship we've built with AbbVie into the future.”

Joe Kumor, Site Director AbbVie Ballytivnan, said: “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.”

Darragh Pattwell, Site Director at AbbVie’s facility on the Manorhamilton Road, said: “I’m delighted to be supporting this wonderful initiative again this year. It is a fantastic opportunity for AbbVie employees to give back to their local community, and positively impact the many people who rely on this vital resource.”



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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