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**FCCI INSURANCE GROUP HONORED AS  
2011 AARP BEST EMPLOYER FOR WORKERS OVER 50**

[September 19, 2011] – FCCI Insurance Group (FCCI) is being honored by AARP as one of its 2011 Best Employers for Workers Over 50.

Headquartered in Sarasota, Fla., FCCI joins a diverse group of corporations, health systems, universities, non-profits and government agencies on the list as the AARP Best Employers program completed its tenth awards designation since the 2001 launch.

In addition to FCCI, the three other Florida winners are Central Florida Health Alliance, Brevard County Public Schools, and the Lee County Electric Cooperative.

“These and other employers on the list, consistently recognize the value of, and have demonstrated exemplary policies for older workers,” said Jean Setzfand, AARP’s Vice President for Financial Security, in announcing the winners.

Among the 50 winners this year, Scripps Health, a major hospital and health care provider in Southern California, is the top finisher, with Cornell University and National Institutes of Health (NIH) rounding out the top three winners.

Any U.S.-based employer with at least 50 employees is eligible to apply for the Best Employers award. Candidates are vetted to ensure that practices meet the needs of mature workers. Key areas of consideration include: recruiting practices; opportunities for training, education and career development; workplace accommodations; alternative work options, such as flexible scheduling; job sharing and phased retirement; employee health and retirement benefits; and retiree work opportunities.

The top 10 Best Employers this year will be profiled in the November issue of *AARP The Magazine*. Accompanying that salute will be a feature article by Chris Gardner advising older job seekers and other workers on what they need to do to stay competitive in today’s difficult job market. Gardner, an entrepreneur and motivational speaker, is the author of “The Pursuit of Happyness” and is AARP’s Ambassador of Pursuit and Happyness.

The 50 winners—as well as 15 AARP International Best Employers—were honored at a dinner held September 13 in Chicago.

For a full list and for more information on the 2011 Best Employers, please go to [www.aarp.org/bestemployers](http://www.aarp.org/bestemployers), which includes background on each employer's workforce practices and a description of the selection process.

**About AARP**

*AARP is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization with a membership that helps people 50+ have independence, choice and control in ways that are beneficial and affordable to them and society as a whole. AARP does not endorse candidates for public office or make contributions to either political campaigns or candidates. We produce AARP The Magazine, the definitive voice for 50+ Americans and the world's largest-circulation magazine with over 35.1 million readers; AARP Bulletin, the go-to news source for AARP's millions of members and Americans 50+; AARP VIVA, the only bilingual U.S. publication dedicated exclusively to the 50+ Hispanic community; and our website, AARP.org. AARP Foundation is an affiliated charity that provides security, protection, and empowerment to older persons in need with support from thousands of volunteers, donors, and sponsors. We have staffed offices in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands.*

**About FCCI Insurance Group**

*FCCI began in Sarasota, Fla., in 1959 as a self-insurance fund to help its members save money on the cost of workers' compensation insurance. Today, FCCI provides comprehensive commercial property and casualty insurance to more than 18,000 policyholders in 15 states throughout the Southeast and Midwest. Rated A- (Excellent) by A.M. Best., FCCI is headquartered in Sarasota, Fla. and has regional offices in Sarasota, Fla.; Carmel, Ind.; and Duluth, Ga., as well as a branch office in Lake Mary, Fla. For more information, call 1-800-226-3224, or visit [www.fcci-group.com](http://www.fcci-group.com).*