



***Inc.* Magazine Unveils Its 37th Annual List of America's Fastest-Growing Private Companies—the Inc. 5000**

For the 3rd Time, GrapeTree Medical Staffing Appears on the Inc. 5000, Ranking No. 1232 With Three-Year Revenue Growth of 492 Percent

NEW YORK, August 15, 2018 – *Inc.* magazine today revealed that GrapeTree Medical Staffing is No. 1232 on its 37th annual Inc. 5000, the most prestigious ranking of the nation's fastest-growing private companies. The list represents a unique look at the most successful companies within the American economy's most dynamic segment—its independent small businesses. Microsoft, Dell, Domino's Pizza, Pandora, Timberland, LinkedIn, Yelp, Zillow, and many other well-known names gained their first national exposure as honorees on the Inc. 5000.

"GrapeTree is excited to have made the list for the third year in a row," said Steve Heeg, CEO of GrapeTree. "It is a testament to the commitment of not only our internal, corporate staff, but of our healthcare professionals who are working in our client facilities and are dedicated to providing the best possible patient care every day. We continue to see growth with our clients as they notice the difference our staff is making in their facilities."

Not only have the companies on the 2018 Inc. 5000 (which are listed online at Inc.com, with the top 500 companies featured in the September issue of *Inc.*, available on newsstands now) been very competitive within their markets, but the list as a whole shows staggering growth compared with prior lists. The 2018 Inc. 5000 achieved an astounding three-year average growth of 538.2 percent, and a median rate of 171.8 percent. The Inc. 5000's aggregate revenue was \$206.1 billion in 2017, accounting for 664,095 jobs over the past three years.

Complete results of the Inc. 5000, including company profiles and an interactive database that can be sorted by industry, region, and other criteria, can be found at www.inc.com/inc5000.

"If your company is on the Inc. 5000, it's unparalleled recognition of your years of hard work and sacrifice," says Inc. editor in chief James Ledbetter. "The lines of business may come and go, or come and stay. What doesn't change is the way entrepreneurs create and accelerate the forces that shape our lives."

The annual Inc. 5000 event honoring the companies on the list will be held October 17 to 19, 2018, at the JW Marriott San Antonio Hill Country Resort, in San Antonio, Texas. As always, speakers include some of the greatest innovators and business leaders of our generation.

About GrapeTree Medical Staffing

Founded in 1999 by travelling RN Tim Kinnetz, GrapeTree Medical Staffing is a healthcare staffing agency that provides staffing solutions to healthcare facilities across the Midwest by providing healthcare professionals to fill last-minute or long-term shifts left by staffing shortages. GrapeTree is rated one of the top 10 most reliable staffing firms in the Midwest and is certified by The Joint Commission, recognized nationwide as a “Gold Seal of Approval” and a symbol of quality that reflects an organization’s commitment to meeting high performance standards.

Through the utilization of the latest technology to help streamline staffing and scheduling, GrapeTree has experienced tremendous growth over the past few years, employing over 125 office staff members who manage over 3,000 healthcare employees working in approximately 1,200 facilities in a nine-state area – Iowa, Minnesota, South Dakota, Nebraska, Missouri, Illinois, Indiana, Wisconsin and Kansas. GrapeTree is headquartered in Milford, Iowa.

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Methodology

The 2018 Inc. 5000 is ranked according to percentage revenue growth when comparing 2014 and 2017. To qualify, companies must have been founded and generating revenue by March 31, 2014. They had to be U.S.-based, privately held, for profit, and independent—not subsidiaries or divisions of other companies—as of December 31, 2017. (Since then, a number of companies on the list have gone public or been acquired.) The minimum revenue required for 2014 is \$100,000; the minimum for 2017 is \$2 million. As always, Inc. reserves the right to decline applicants for subjective reasons. Companies on the Inc. 500 are featured in *Inc.*’s September issue. They represent the top tier of the Inc. 5000, which can be found at <http://www.inc.com/inc5000>.

About Inc. Media

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The Inc. 5000 is a list of the fastest-growing private companies in the nation. Started in 1982, this prestigious list has become the hallmark of entrepreneurial success. The Inc. 5000 Conference & Awards Ceremony is an annual event that celebrates the remarkable achievements of these companies. The event also offers informative workshops, celebrated keynote speakers, and evening functions.

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