## Staying Ahead of the Curve: Flexible Work Strategies from Honest Tea and Sara Lee



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#### **Our Speakers Today**





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THE FLEX PAGES
AND
FLEX-FRIENDLY CERTIFICATION



#### WHO WE ARE

Founded in 2010 as an organization that certifies and recognizes those great companies who offer flex.

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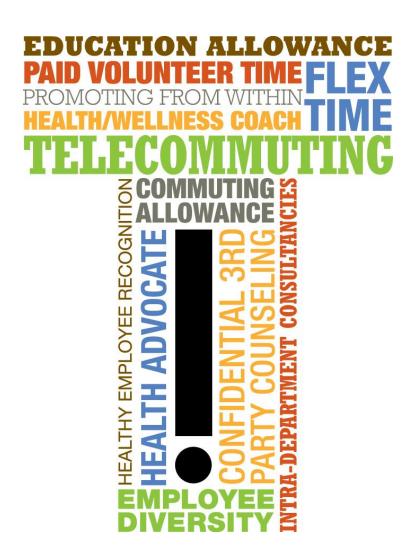
### INFORMAL AND FORMAL FLEX HAPPENING RIGHT NOW!

- Flex-manager to manager
- Right to ask
- Management within teams
- Policies on the books
- Culture of Flex

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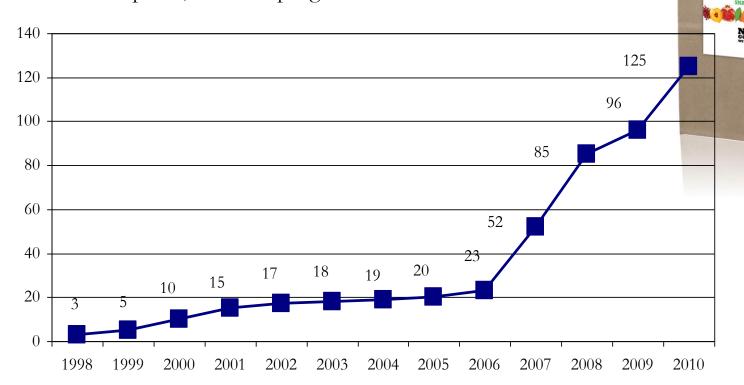
#### BREWING AN HONEST CULTURE



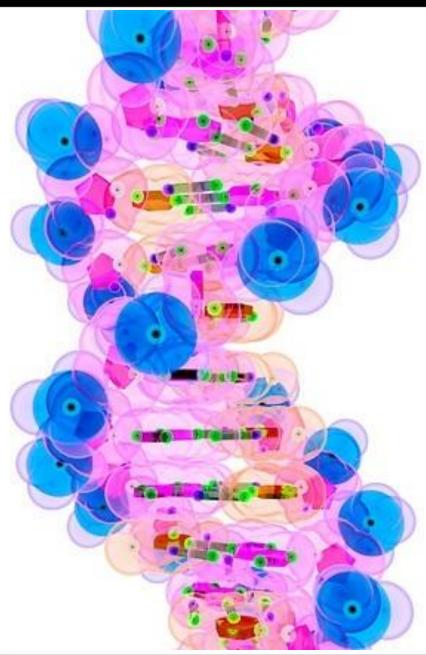
- Co-founders Seth and Barry start operations out of Seth's house in 1998
- First sale was to Whole Foods regional office with five thermoses & empty Snapple bottle
- World's first organic bottled tea & first Fair Trade Certified<sup>TM</sup> bottled tea
- Honest Tea is now the top-selling ready-to-drink organic bottled tea in the U.S.
- Coca-Cola purchased 40% of Honest Tea in February 2008; in March 2011, Coca-Cola acquired remaining shares for full ownership



- A career in food and hospitality
- HR department created in 2007
- Hired 73 employees in 3 years with a dept of 2.5
- Snack packs, wellness programs



Culture



- Flex time is part of who we are
  - Since February 1998
  - Crew drives, trade shows, employee ownership
- Top-down
  - TeaEO is a model for all employees
  - Sr. Managers
- 60% employees are "field"
- No slips or punch clocks

- Employee hardship and flextime
- Maternity leave and flex time
- Creating a fun, caring culture and family
- Mission-driven business model





### **HONEST**





### Workplace Flexibility at Sara Lee







- Global manufacturer and marketer of high-quality, brand-name products for consumers throughout the world
  - Food and beverage are primary focus
- Sales of \$10.8 billion in FY10\*
  - 37% from outside the United States
  - 33,000 employees worldwide\*
- Leading positions in retail coffee, packaged meats, fresh and frozen bakery and foodservice categories
- Recently announced decision to separate coffee business from meats/frozen bakery, as well as divesting fresh bakery business

<sup>\*</sup> Continuing operations, which reflects Int. H&BC as a discontinued operation.

## ...but have historically supported workplace flexibility



- Policy existed in various forms prior to corporate transformation in 2005
- Revised policy in 2008 in conjunction with launch of Returnships@Sara Lee™
  - Current employees wanted to participate in Returnships program to get access to flexibility
  - Internal communications accompanied revised policy
- Renewed emphasis on flexibility in early 2010 as we integrated Returnships into regular recruiting
  - Desire to maintain focus on flex options for employees



### Our current policy identifies three types of flexible options



#### 3 Flexible Working Arrangements

Flex Time

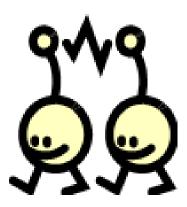


Start/Finish times Condensed workweek Flex Location



Remote office

Flex Role



Part-Time work
Job Sharing

 However, we don't track who works a flex schedule or what type of flex they utilize

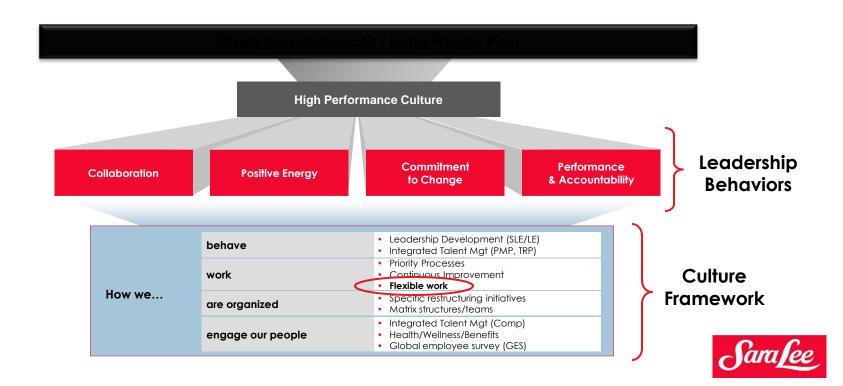


### ...and we are working to make it a living part of our culture



#### Cultural framework is defined by four key areas:

- How we behave
- How we work
- How we organize
- How we engage



# In past two years, we've stepped-up our efforts around workplace flexibility



- Revised and relaunched Flex Work Policy (September 2008)
- Hosted Roundtable on Flex-Work for Women's Bureau of U.S. Department of Labor (September 2009)
- Sara Lee HR Roundtable on Flexible work (January 2010)
- Identified Flexible Work as focus of SL Diversity Council Working Environment subcommittee (January 2010); communicating "bright spots" where flexibility works
- Certified as "Flex-Friendly" workplace by Employmoms / Women for Hire (February 2010)
- Brenda Barnes, CEO & Stephen Cerrone, EVP HR participated in White House Forum on Workplace Flexibility (March 2010)
- Began identifying "flex eligible" on open positions; these are identified on job postings and the Sara Lee Careers website (April 2010)
- Added flex question to our Employee Engagement survey (September 2010)
- Exploring internal best practices for work environment in our manufacturing facilities



## ...with mixed results from employees on how we're doing



Identified two questions on our annual Employee
 Engagement Survey focused on flexibility





## But we plan to address issues culturally and through practical programs



#### Salaried, professional employees

- Targeting culture change
- Encouraging teams to try flexible arrangements for 6 month periods

### Hourly, front-line employees

- Identify and share best practices across manufacturing facilities
- Programs focus on improved/predictive scheduling, dedicated relief crews and crosstraining





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