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**St. Joseph Manor Health Care, Inc. WINS NATIONAL AWARD  
FOR ENVIRONMENTAL ACHIEVEMENT**  
***“Partner for Change Award – with Distinction” Honors Work Toward Mercury  
Reduction, Waste Reduction, and Pollution Prevention***

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**(Brockton, MA)**

St. Joseph Manor has been honored with a 2011 “Partner for Change, with Distinction” Award from Practice Greenhealth, a national membership organization for health care facilities committed to environmentally responsible operations. The Award is one of the organization’s seven Environmental Excellence Awards given each year to honor outstanding environmental achievements in health care sector.

The Partner for Change, with Distinction Award recognizes healthcare facilities that have achieved improvements in their mercury elimination, waste reduction, and pollution prevention programs (above the Partner for Change basic criteria.) This includes at least 15% recycling, a more extensive sustainability program, and a show of leadership in the local community and/or in the health care sector.

“The Environmental Excellence Awards recognize success stories,” said Anna Gilmore Hall, executive director of Practice Greenhealth. “St. Joseph Manor is a successful model of how health facilities can develop and implement pollution prevention programs to greatly improve the health of their patients, staff and community.”

St. Joseph Manor has worked extremely hard to reduce trash, increase recycling, and decrease water and electrical consumption. Since 2006, St. Joseph Manor has reduced their trash to 105 tons from 156 tons; they currently recycle 56 tons from 5.5 tons; by replacing shower heads and toilets they have saved over 2 million gallons of water and with a new energy conservation plan 138,184 kilowatts of electricity were saved.

“We are so pleased to have our accomplishments recognized at a national level,” said Anne DeMinico, CEO, St. Joseph Manor. St. Joseph Manor is committed to reducing our environmental impact and we are continually monitoring our progress to improve our performance. Receiving this Award is confirmation that we are on the right track.”

The Practice Greenhealth Environmental Excellence Awards in eight categories were presented in Phoenix, AZ in conjunction with CleanMed 2011, a global conference for environmental leaders in health care.

Practice Greenhealth is the nation's leading membership and networking organization for institutions in the healthcare community that have made a commitment to sustainable, eco-friendly practices. Members include hospitals, healthcare systems, businesses and other stakeholders engaged in the greening of healthcare to improve the health of patients, staff and the environment. Practice Greenhealth is a source of environmental solutions for the health care sector. For more information on Practice Greenhealth, visit [www.practicegreenhealth.org](http://www.practicegreenhealth.org).

***St. Joseph Manor is a non-profit nursing home and skilled care facility with 118 beds. A majority of the resident rooms at St. Joseph Manor are private. Also available is our Mater Dei Adult Day Health Program with a 60 client a day capability.***

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