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St. Joseph Manor Wins National Award For Environmental Achievement

“Partner for Change Award-with Distinction” Honors Work Toward Mercury Reduction, and Pollution Prevention

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St. Joseph Manor was honored earlier this month with a “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 (beyond 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 Bob Jarboe, 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 made great achievements in order to become a recipient of this award. Some of those achievements are but not limited to: recycling everything from aluminum cans to cardboard to computers and shrink wrap; establishing an organic garden with residents participation using fresh vegetables from the garden in the preparation of meals; utilize integrated pest management program which limits the use of hazardous pesticides but integrates non-chemical techniques and devices; eliminating all Styrofoam, bottled water, disposables (flat ware, dishes, glasses and cups), eliminating Tran’s fats and becoming an energy star partner.

“We are so pleased to have our accomplishments recognized at a national level,” said Anne DeMinico, CEO/Administrator of St. Joseph Manor. Here at St. Joseph Manor we are 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 were presented in Baltimore, MD, in conjunction with CleanMed 2010, 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, healthy initiatives, current trends, news and views, and other links to earth-friendly organizations, visit 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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