



GLEE's 2nd Annual Green Living Awards

Businesses Category

For Cumulative Efforts leading up to January 1, 2008

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Name of Applicant Relation to Business:

Summary

Baptist Health Green Team's mission is to develop and recommend environmentally responsible strategies and initiatives; enable and monitor efforts to implement strategies for all facets of operations; practice sustainable conservation; be recognized as a best practice for the healthcare industry; and position Baptist Health as a corporate leader in environmental responsibility.

All efforts at Mariners Hospital reflect the purpose of this mission. Changes to be implemented organization-wide in 2009 include reducing by 24% the amount of plastic in the Baptist Health spring water, switching to unbleached napkins made of recycled materials and distributing "green" tips regularly to the 12,000 employees. Research continues on best products to replace Styrofoam, reduce energy usage and eliminate chemicals in cleaning supplies.

Accomplishments

<u>Renewable Energy</u>	Demonstrated use and/or promotion of appropriate solar, wind and bio generated sources of renewable energy.
<u>Clean Transportation</u>	Demonstrated use and/or promotion of smart, clean and economically efficient uses of biodiesel, fuel cells, and hybrid vehicles. Or no vehicles at all!
	Mariners Hospital uses an electric golf cart for deliveries around campus. Planning is under way to provide an employee shuttle service from Homestead to Mariners Hospital, a 45-mile distance. This will reduce the number of employees driving individually to work, the number of miles traveled and the amount of gas used. We anticipate 20-25 employees using the shuttle. The shuttle should be running by mid-year once all logistics are finalized.

<u>Clean Boating</u>	Demonstrated adherence and/or promotion of eco-friendly actions whilst on the water, including cleaning products, propulsion, water conservation, fisheries conservation, catch and release techniques, and use of Florida Clean Marinas, Boatyards, and Retailers .
<u>Energy Conservation</u>	Demonstrated use and/or promotion of energy-efficient appliances, energy audits, and retrofits for financial savings and pollution reduction.
<u>Green Building</u>	Demonstrated use and/or promotion of green techniques and technologies during retrofits on existing buildings and efficient designs for new buildings.
<u>Green Financing</u>	Demonstrated use and/or promotion of tax credits, rebates, and other incentive programs that help finance, sustainability projects. Also includes Socially Responsible Investing.
<u>Healthy Living</u>	Demonstrated adherence and/or promotion of green procurement, green consumerism and healthy choices through buying organic foods and other non-toxic, healthy and sustainable products.

<u>Land Conservation</u>	Demonstrated adherence and/or promotion of conservation of natural habitats by using Keys-Friendly landscaping practices and use of GreenThumb Certified Nurseries .
Landscape on the campus of Mariners Hospital includes all native plants and trees that require minimal watering. The pineapple fountain at the main entrance uses recirculated water.	
<u>R4 #1: Reduce</u>	Demonstrated reduction of waste through bulk buying, refillable products, double-sided printing, avoiding over-packaged products, closing the loop by purchasing products made of recycled, post consumer content; implementation of policies which encourage and/or mandate waste reduction.
In May 2008, Mariners Hospital Leadership provided 300 employees and physicians with a reusable steel beverage container. The goal: to encourage the use of this container at work for hot and cold beverages rather than Styrofoam. In November 2008, secured a donation from Winn-Dixie of 250 reusable shopping bags to distribute to all employees. The goal: to encourage employees to make green changes at home and stop using plastic shopping bags.	
<u>R4 #2: Reuse</u>	Demonstrated reuse of products, buy second hand, donate unneeded items, and avoid disposables, and share magazines /other publications before recycling them.
The Mariners Hospital Green Team implemented a practice at the hospital to reduce unwanted mailings, including catalogues. Mailings are collected and a group of volunteers contacts companies to cease the mailings. "Reuse-a-shoe" collection boxes for old athletic shoes are located in Mariners Wellness Center and the hospital. Old shoes, which are delivered to Nike, will be used to create sporting courts overseas. Employees also are encouraged to share used magazines and books with employees, patients and visitors. This practice has been going on for approximately 10 years.	
<u>R4 #3: Rot (Compost)</u>	Demonstrated waste diversion through composting of food scraps and yard trimmings
Yard wastes and grass clippings are taken home by employees to use in personal home composting.	
<u>R4 #4: Recycle</u>	Demonstrated recycling of items accepted by local waste hauler and/or other items which may be recycled elsewhere (e.g., electronics, CFL light bulbs, cell phones, printer cartridges); implementation of policies which encourage and/or mandate recycling practices
In November 2008, a formal, hospital-wide recycling program was implemented. Cross-shredded paper and plastics #1 and #2 are collected and fill four 90-gallon bins weekly. Cross-shredded papers had previously been donated to a local company to use in packing and shipping. Corrugated cardboard and printer cartridges have been recycled for at least six years. In addition, the Dietary Department has reduced by 85% the purchasing of beverages in aluminum cans, further reducing waste. Batteries are collected for proper disposal.	

<u>Water Conservation</u>	Demonstrated use and/or promotion of water use reduction through efficient irrigation, xeriscaping, cisterns, rain barrels, water audits and/or use of reclaimed water.
Water Quality	Demonstrated use and/or promotion of wastewater treatment, storm water retention, phosphorus free products, slow release fertilizers, animal waste reduction, etc.
Youth Leadership	Involve local students in projects and research for healthy long-term choices in any of the above for the future of all.
GLEE Participation	Actively involved with GLEE via ideas, time and/or membership to help further GLEE's Mission and Goals .
<p>Mariners Hospital joined GLEE in November 2008 and immediately signed on as the sponsor of the Upper Keys 4 Rs Fair in Key Largo. We maintain communication with GLEE to update the group about our ongoing efforts.</p>	
Other Factors	Have you done something else not included in the scope of this application? Let us know!
<p>In January 2008, Baptist Health South Florida formed a Green Team that includes leaders from each of the five hospitals and outpatient centers, as well as from corporate departments including purchasing/materials management, construction, marketing, information technology and facilities management. This group meets monthly and has set seven areas of concentration with priority issues. The seven areas are waste management, product procurement, energy, recycling, construction, information technology and communication/education. In addition, each hospital, including Mariners Hospital, formed a hospital-specific Green Team.</p>	

Other Business Factors

Team Commitment	List staff or other supportive people on your “Green Team”
Mariners Hospital Green Team members and supportive staff include: Amy Fowler, Anthony Rios, Arlene Line, Cleo Puerto, Dan Beaver, Debbie Blaida, Jessica Williams, Jill Crawford, Jill Miranda Baker, Laura Lancaster, Leslie Roy, Lynn Kallfelz, Monica Endico, Natalie Vogt, Nelson Lazo, Shawn Burchfield, Tracy Carter and Wes Brage. Departments represented include Leadership, Nursing, Laboratory, Pharmacy, Physical Therapy, Facilities, Dietary, Finance and Wellness Center.	
Communications	How are your environmental efforts visibly communicated to staff, locals, tourists, shareholders, customers and/or vendors?
Communication of "green" living at work and home is a top priority for the Mariners Hospital Green Team. Every few weeks, the Green Team e-mails tips to all employees with subject matter including food shopping, holiday gift giving and wrapping, promotion of GLEE events and important statistics to encourage change in daily behaviors. In addition, the Green Team members host a monthly educational booth with easy tips and changes to incorporate in every day practices.	
Certifications/Memberships	Do you currently hold any green certifications or memberships?
Mariners Hospital is a member of GLEE. Baptist Health is a member of Healthy Hospitals for a Healthy Environment.	

Green Pledge

I certify that the above information is correct to the best of my knowledge.

