RISE Projects Save Saint Elizabeth Community Thousands!

As a not for profit, it is imperative that our organization is efficient and spends money wisely. Over the past year, Tom Radican, Facilities Engineer at Saint Elizabeth Community, has worked with RISE to implement energy efficient changes to save Saint E’s money. Annual energy savings of approximately $79,000 are projected by RISE Engineering for projects Saint Elizabeth Community has undertaken.

“Saint Elizabeth Community has looked to RISE Engineering to assist us in reducing our operating costs by enacting projects that reduce our energy usage,” says Radican.

RISE carried out a variety of projects at several of our locations. Projects included lighting upgrades, insulation upgrades, programmable thermostats, hot water conservation, and the installation of variable speed pumps. In total the projects were valued at $285,000. RISE estimates the savings to our various sites to be $79,000 per year. Reviewing how we can do things more efficiently at a lower cost is ongoing. “The latest project being evaluated is to replace the city water pressure boost system at Saint Elizabeth Place,” says Radican. Being a good steward requires making changes for the better.

Tufts Grant Awarded to Saint Elizabeth Community for SASH® Program

Registration of Participants Underway

Saint Elizabeth Community was awarded a Tufts Health Plan Foundation grant of $65,000 to expand on their best practice model of coordinating care for older adults with chronic diseases who live independently. The grant reflects the Foundation’s commitment to building healthier communities by promoting collaboration and improving systems and best practices.

The grant will support the SASH® Program which has been launched at Saint Elizabeth Place, an affordable senior housing residence in Providence. “We are so grateful to Tufts Foundation for their continued support, and partnership,” says Steven J. Horowitz, President and CEO of Saint Elizabeth Community. More than 30 residents have enrolled in the SASH Program, and education about the program is ongoing. “We look forward to continued enrollment in the SASH Program, as residents learn how this free program offers support,” says Horowitz.

The pilot care coordination program at Saint Elizabeth Place is based on the SASH (Support and Services at Home) model developed and implemented in Vermont. Evaluations have shown it reduces Medicare expenditures by approximately $1,500 per member each year. Foundation funding will help Saint Elizabeth expand their pilot to additional locations.
Dear Friends:

I hope that you had a wonderful summer. Our photos on Facebook, and in the center of this newsletter show how those in our care take in the joys of living in The Ocean State.

Throughout the year, we work to support meaningful life, and do so by engaging with those in our care and in our community by getting to know the individuals we are entrusted to support. We do this while working to provide compassionate, exceptional care. Behind the scenes staff members serve on committees, participate in team meetings, and take advantage of employee education with a goal to achieve our mission.

Congratulations to CareLink on its 20th anniversary!
CareLink (www.carelinkcollaborative.org) is a not-for-profit collaborative working to provide post-acute care solutions to RI seniors. Saint Elizabeth Community is a founding member of CareLink. Also congratulations to Cathleen Naughton Associates, for achieving JCAHO Accreditation for the 15th year in a row, and to Saint Elizabeth Manor’s Day Care for its recent NAEYC accreditation. Additionally, I am so proud of the 5 star rating that Saint Elizabeth Home was awarded by the RI Department of Health, especially while opening four GREEN HOUSE® Homes; and they are at 100% occupancy!!!

It has been a year full of hard work and change. As ever, we are moving forward in a mission driven way, seeking to meet the needs of RI seniors, and expand the offerings we provide to meet those needs. Our capital campaign is on target and we just hosted another successful Rose Bids Auction and Gala, thanks to the countless volunteers and donors who make this fundraiser possible.

I thank you for your continued support of our organization and look forward to our continued growth.

Sincerely,

Steven J. Horowitz
President and CEO

Welcome Dr. Kris Kuhn, Attending Physician, and Kristen DiSanto, Trustee

Welcome to Kris E. Kuhn, M.D., M.H.S., Attending Physician to residents of THE GREEN HOUSE® Homes at Saint Elizabeth Home and rehab patients at Saint Elizabeth Home.

Dr. Kuhn earned her Medical Doctorate from Vanderbilt University School of Medicine. She completed a Fellowship in Geriatric Medicine, The Johns Hopkins School of Medicine, and a Master of Health Science in Epidemiology, The Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health; and also completed Master of Acupuncture, Tai Sophia Institute, Laurel, MD. Her education also includes Completion of Core Curriculum for Medical Directors, American Medical Directors Association.

Kristen DiSanto was elected to Saint Elizabeth Community’s Board of Trustees. Kristen is Executive Vice President of Human Resources for The Washington Trust Company. Kristen holds a Bachelor of Arts in Speech Communication from the University of Rhode Island, and is a graduate of the Beta II class of Leadership Rhode Island. She serves on the Human Resources Committee of the Ocean Community YMCA; Advocacy and Legislative Affairs Committee of the Rhode Island Business Group on Health.
Our Mission... to provide exceptional, compassionate care in an array of settings. We embrace the needs of each individual in an environment where those we care for, and work with, are treated just like family.
Meeting Needs

Life in THE GREEN HOUSE® Homes
at Saint Elizabeth Home

“My mom could be the poster child for THE GREEN HOUSE® Home model of care! She seems very content and her appetite has improved so much she may need a new wardrobe! The care and love Mom receives on a daily basis from the staff is heartwarming.” - Kathie Giorgi

Kathie with her mom, Maddie DeClemente, at her 97th birthday celebration

“I enjoy sitting on the front porch, watching the clouds. Everybody that drives by waves and says, “Hi George! It makes me feel good.” - George Dresselhouse

Dr. Kuhn and George visit outdoors

“My son Jack and I enjoy walking around the cul-de-sac and stopping to chat with our neighbors. We love to see the wildlife from our windows – rabbits, squirrels and deer!” - Alice Dutilly

(l - r) Alice Dutilly and Jack LaFrinere, with neighbor Anne Gendreau and Shahbaz, Sonnie Worwee

Mirror Collective Connects Generations

This summer, Saint Elizabeth Court residents volunteered to pair up with local high school students to take part in The Mirror Collective, an exciting arts collaboration initiated by REVEL Factory, the non-profit arm of TEN31 Productions. The main objective of the project was to connect the generations through participation in a creative experience.

Over the course of six weeks, Saint Elizabeth Court seniors shared their life stories with their young partners. The conversations were lively and many fond relationships were established. Resident Ruth Mumford said, “My student, Liz, was the nicest girl. We really clicked and I loved talking with her.” Once familiar with the resident backgrounds, the students created a piece of art based on the memories and stories shared. Some of the great moments of Ruth Mumford’s life were performed in a dance/theater piece. Jennie Giannini’s life was portrayed in a beautiful song, while Annie Frechette’s sense of humor was interpreted through art and animation. Stylized illustrations captured Elaine Isom’s personal history, and Ray Mahon’s life story became a mini one man show. The final projects, each as unique as the participants and partners, were presented at Saint Elizabeth Court’s annual Family Night, followed by a public showcase at REVEL Factory.
SEC Philanthropy

Rose Bids - 16 years & Golf Classic - 20 years

$1.7 million raised

A great big thank you to all who have made this possible.

Donors, Volunteers, Sponsors and Guests, together we are supporting eldercare!

2017 SEC Golf Classic Committee

Chad Bjorklund, Chair
Karen Butler
Dave Farrell
John Gibson
D. Patricia Koch, O.D.
Cindy Joaquín
Jim Kinney
Mark Loiselle
Matt Trimble

2017 Rose Bids Auction and Gala

Sue Carpenter & Craig Carpenter, Co-Chairs
Carol Christy
Judy Cady
Jan Gil
Jamie Jackson
Steve Horowitz

Geri Manning
Jennifer Marshalsea
Lauren Richards
Caroline Naughton Rumowicz
Beth Russell
Brenda Turchetta
Sharon Garland

All gifts matter - please join with us to give older adults the support they deserve!
It's easy to make a charitable gift online at www.stelizabethcommunity.org – Thank you!
SEC Earns Worksite Health Award

Saint Elizabeth Community was recognized with an Exemplary Worksite Health Award from Blue Cross & Blue Shield of RI and the Greater Providence Chamber of Commerce for effective programs encouraging employee health and well-being in a meaningful way.

Our wellness motto is “Care to be Fit, so you are Fit to Care,” says Steven Horowitz, President and CEO of Saint Elizabeth Community. “We are in the business of caring for people and it is very important that each staff member takes care of his or her health first.” SEC’s Wellness Committee meets monthly and puts forth many wellness, educational, and interactive activities for staff.

Cornerstone Participants Reach Out to Homebound

Participants at Cornerstone’s Memory Care Center have been busy making birthday bags for homebound seniors served by West Bay Community Action. The gift bags are filled with thoughtful items made by participants – hand sewn eyeglass and pocket tissue cases, lavender sachets, braided fabric coasters, colorful bookmarks, and water color painted greeting cards.

More than 70 of the cheery birthday bags are ready for West Bay Case Managers to distribute to their clients. The project has been a delight for the Cornerstone participants and plans are to continue the service project through the end of the year.

Employee Reminder

Complete the four requirements before the end of 2017 to see a reduction in your health insurance cost.

- Biometric Screening
- Online Health Assessment
- Physical
- Health Challenge

Questions? Please contact Human Resources.