Sustainable Health Care means delivering health care to meet today's needs without compromising the health needs of future generations.
Humans, in service to God, have special roles on behalf of the whole of creation.

Made in the image of God, we are called to care for the earth as God cares for the earth.”

- Evangelical Lutheran Church in America


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Introduction

Advocate Health Care has made a commitment to conservation and sustainability. This means delivering health care that meets today’s needs without compromising the health needs of future generations. From building the first LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) Gold certified hospital in the state of Illinois to becoming a founding member of a national campaign designed to move health systems toward environmental sustainability, Advocate is emerging as a recognized leader in the health care sector for excellence in green building, sustainable hospital operations and energy efficiency. Earning numerous national awards and recognition, Advocate is proud to be a leader in building a culture of conservation at all levels of its organization. Active green teams, environmental goal setting and reporting, education and training programs, and awards recognizing associates for being “true stewards of the environment” are some of the ways that Advocate fulfills this comprehensive commitment.

Respected by its peers in health care energy management, Advocate is widely viewed as leading the way in reducing energy consumption. Most recently Advocate has again earned the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency’s (EPA) Energy Star award for excellent energy performance at Advocate Illinois Masonic Medical Center. Standards for sustainable construction and renovation and incorporating environmental criteria to inform purchasing decisions are being established as well. Reducing waste generated as a by-product of delivering health care, Advocate has increased its recycling rate from under 10% in 2007 to almost 25% in 2010 by continuously evaluating waste diversion opportunities.

This report details the progress Advocate Health Care has made in establishing sustainable practices in operations and programs as it serves the health needs of individuals, families and communities. It highlights continuous efforts to enhance environmental performance and resource conservation in areas such as energy, waste, recycling and construction management.
As a leading health care organization, Advocate Health Care has a unique responsibility to our associates, patients and communities to maintain and encourage a safe and healthy environment. We consider conservation of resources, both natural and monetary, as fundamental to our mission of delivering quality health care to the communities we are privileged to serve.

**Mission Driven** Stewardship is a core value of Advocate Health Care that is embedded in our mission and philosophy. Integrating stewardship, a sense of responsibility for all that we are, have and do, is central to our health care ministry.

**Bottom Line Driven** Conserving resources and materials we use every day saves dollars that can be invested in our healing ministry. Advocate’s commitment to a culture of stewardship and conservation translates to efficiency, less waste and decreased operating costs. The implementation of environmentally friendly best practices that maximize opportunities to reduce environmental impact also generate financial savings.

**Board Endorsed** Advocate Health Care recognizes that sustaining the environment is critical in an era of multiple threats to the ecosystem on which human beings and all life depend for their very existence. In 2006, Advocate’s Board of Directors endorsed Environmental Stewardship as one of several primary characteristics of its role as a corporate citizen. Since then, Advocate’s activities in environmental stewardship—its progress in “Going Green”—have been outlined in an annual Corporate Citizenship Report to the Executive Committee of the Board.

**Church Supported** Advocate Health Care’s affiliated denominations—the United Church of Christ and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America—both embrace care for the environment as care for God’s creation.

**Clinically Relevant** Health care organizations have a special responsibility to avoid contributing to environmental health risks because their avowed purpose is not only to benefit patients but also to “do no harm.” Preserving the health of the environment is linked to preserving the health of patients, associates and communities.
Leadership in the Health Care Sector

In collaboration with three environmental nongovernment organizations (Health Care Without Harm, Practice Greenhealth and the Center for Health Design) and five health systems (Catholic Healthcare West, HCA, Kaiser Permanente, MedStar Health, and Partners Healthcare), Advocate Health Care is sponsoring the Healthier Hospitals Initiative (HHI) to support a coordinated sector-wide approach to improve environmental health and safety. The premise of the initiative is that hospitals have a responsibility to minimize the adverse environmental impacts of their operations on patients, staff and the natural environment. Sustainability initiatives implemented throughout the health care sector will help create a new framework for safer health care delivery in this decade. A distinguishing feature of HHI is CEO-level commitment to the initiative. By leveraging the influence and visibility of these health care leaders, positive changes will be timely and meaningful, and reach well beyond health care.

In 2010, Advocate demonstrated its commitment as a regional health care leader focused on reducing its environmental impact by pledging to participate in the Chicago Green Health Care Initiative (CGHI) on behalf of Advocate Trinity Hospital and Advocate Illinois Masonic Medical Center. The CGHI is a coalition of Chicago-based hospitals participating in a program to provide access to resources, education and incentive opportunities to support the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions, increase energy efficiency and reduce waste overall. The CGHI is sponsored by Health Care Without Harm, the City of Chicago and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

Energy Management

Standardization and implementation of health care energy management best practices is yielding enormous benefits from reduction in air emissions to bottom line savings across all Advocate Health Care’s sites of care. An essential element of Advocate’s systemwide strategic energy plan is measurement and benchmarking utilizing the EPA’s Energy Star Portfolio Manager. Standardization of best practices in operations and maintenance involve managing a 200-item checklist created in 2010 to evaluate operational efficiencies related to facilities operations. Retro-commissioning, a systematic, documented process that identifies low-cost operational and maintenance improvements in existing HVAC systems is now underway at Advocate, with a projected annual savings of nearly $500,000.

Beginning in 2010, all infrastructure capital projects are evaluated for energy efficiency. A dedicated manager of energy solutions is in place to foster standardized energy efficient operations across the system. Since 2007, Advocate’s hospitals reduced their energy consumption by 17%, and a 9% reduction since 2008. Advocate’s facilities department has established stepped targets to reduce energy consumption by 20%; over the 2008 baseline by the end of 2015.

The American Society for Healthcare Engineering awarded Advocate Trinity Hospital and Advocate Good Shepherd Hospital the E2C award in 2010, for reducing energy consumption by greater than 10% or more in one year, in support of the goals of EPA’s Energy Star Challenge.

Green Roof installation provides storm water conservation, cools and humidifies surrounding air and provides a natural habitat for plants and wildlife.
For significant achievements in energy consumption improvement, Advocate Illinois Masonic Medical Center, a 102 year old facility, has earned the U.S. EPA Energy Star Award for excellence in energy efficiency, for three consecutive years. It is the only hospital in Chicago and one of only three hospitals in the state of Illinois to earn this honor.

**Waste and Recycling**

Advocate Health Care is committed to decreasing its waste footprint. It invests significant resources to educate and train associates on proper waste segregation and supports innovative waste diversion activities that involve reuse and maximize opportunities to recycle.

Trends of overall waste volumes at Advocate hospitals reflect a slowing in waste generation, even with acquisition of the two hospitals in 2010. Reasons for the decline in waste include increased waste diversion by optimizing our ability to reuse materials, donating furniture and equipment, recycling construction and demolition debris, and reducing waste at its source. Discouraging the use of disposable materials, identifying innovative ways to reduce use of paper and segregating waste properly at the point of use are key drivers that reduce waste generation in the first place. One of Advocate’s waste reduction goals for 2011 is to divert at least 30% of its total waste streams from the landfill via recycling, reuse, refurbishment, medical device reprocessing and composting.

Responsible management of medical waste is especially important because of the health and safety risks involved in proper handling and disposal. Proper segregation training programs, compliance audits and conversion to reusable sharps containers all account for significant reductions in medical waste across Advocate’s hospitals.

In 2010, Advocate Health Care saved 50 tons of waste from going to landfill by converting to reusable sharps containers.
Buildings and Land Management

In connection with Advocate Health Care’s focus on Environmental Stewardship, the planning, design and construction team has developed a comprehensive program to proactively address sustainable health care operations as they relate to the built environment. It is recognized that this focus will have a positive impact on our patients, visitors and associates, and the community at large, as well as on Advocate’s financial performance. To that end, the team developed “Sustainability Standards.” These standards have been in place for three years and are reviewed and updated on a regular basis.

Advocate Lutheran General Hospital’s Patient Care Tower became the first acute care hospital in the Midwest to receive Gold Level certification under the United States Green Building Council’s LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) Program. The LEED Program is an internationally recognized green building certification system. It recognizes buildings that meet rigid requirements for energy performance, water conservation, improved indoor air quality, stewardship of resources and sensitivity to their impact. In 2010, Advocate recycled 97% of new construction and demolition debris.

Environmentally Preferable Purchasing

Advocate Health Care’s supply chain management department has implemented and continues to pursue programs promoting the purchase of environmentally preferable products that feature recycled content, safer chemicals and efficient transport of materials to the patient’s bedside. This policy demonstrates the commitment to purchasing products and services that are inherently safer to human and environmental health and address environmental impacts throughout their lifecycle.

A focus on conservation and improved utilization of supplies and resources create opportunities to reduce waste in a variety of ways from clinical operations to food services and office supplies. Significant waste diversion and cost savings are being realized via medical device reprocessing—a sterilization process that enables certain medical devices to be used more than once. In 2010, 24,000 pounds of waste were diverted from landfill and $1.5 million were saved by reprocessing medical devices across Advocate’s acute care facilities.

As an endorser of Health Care Without Harm’s Healthy Food Pledge, Advocate commits to serve local, nutritious, sustainable food and model healthy food practices. Food and nutrition departments across the health system led efforts to reduce waste, bottled water and Styrofoam use, convert to biodegradable cups and plates, and recycle cooking oil. Several hospitals hosted farmer’s markets over the summer months with locally grown produce.

Greening of the office supply purchasing process include efforts to reduce transportation activity through order consolidation, increase use of supplies with recycled content, and increase toner and ink jet cartridge recycling. Citing opportunities to save paper across all its diverse settings, Advocate has set a goal of reducing paper consumption by 10% in 2011.

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*http://noharm.org/us_canada/issues/food/pledge.php

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Cultivating a Culture of Stewardship

In the last decade, grassroots efforts to get involved in protecting the environment developed around the health system as Green Teams and Recycling Task Forces formed. In 2008, Advocate Health Care formally created the Green Council, chartering it with the mission of “Caring for Our Patients, Caring for Our Environment.” The Green Council established itself as a “catalyst for stimulating Advocate, its sites and its associates to be green conscious, to adopt environmentally sustainable practices and to recognize the importance of those practices for health and healing.” Each green team leader from Advocate’s diverse settings, ranging from clinical sites to office buildings, is a member of the Advocate Green Council. The green teams engage coworkers ranging from physicians and nurses to environmental services and facilities associates to manage site specific environmental stewardship goals and promote cultural awareness and education on ways every associate can contribute to a healthier environment. Seventeen Advocate associates representing a diverse cross section of individuals were nominated by their coworkers and recognized for extraordinary demonstration of environmental stewardship in their respective Advocate environments in 2010. Environmental goal setting, measurement and reporting, and sharing of sustainable operations best practices are driven by the Green Council. In early 2011, an environmental stewardship manager was appointed to formally lead and coordinate these activities for the system.

New Manager Orientation

The first session of the “Launch” orientation program for new managers is conducted by Advocate Health Care’s president/chief executive officer or executive vice president/chief operating officer. An important segment of the hour-long presentation is the commitment to being a green organization. The content includes the relationship of Advocate’s mission, values and philosophy to the focus on environmental stewardship, as well as its clinical relevancy—“First do no harm.” Advocate leadership believes that conserving resources provides additional dollars to invest in its healing ministry and is simply, the right thing to do. The most senior leaders then challenge new managers to incorporate green ways into their work life and serve as a role model for their staff.

Computer-based training

Developed in 2010, a computer-based training (CBT) module about environmental stewardship was introduced to Advocate Health Care’s associates in 2011. The interactive module focuses on Advocate’s efforts to “reduce, reuse, recycle” and instructs associates on how to make their workplace setting greener. It also serves as an educational tool to reinforce green goals for energy, paper and waste reduction. While not mandatory to complete in 2011, a variety of incentives enticed associates to participate.

Earth Day 2010

Celebrating the 40th anniversary of Earth Day, many activities were planned across all sites for the day and throughout the entire week to educate associates about their role in supporting Advocate Health Care’s focus on environmental stewardship and the “greening” of health care. From an electronics recycling drive to drawings for eco-friendly prizes, Earth Day 2010 marked an opportunity to inspire awareness of how each individual can contribute to stewardship of precious resources. Advocate Health Care’s executive management team gathered to celebrate with all Advocate associates via a leadership webcast delivered by President and CEO, Jim Skogsbergh. Systemwide “earth hours” on April 22 were observed from 2-3 p.m. or 9-10 p.m. to reduce energy use at Advocate work locations. It was suggested that associates turn off unnecessary lights, computers and other electronic equipment not in use including televisions in empty waiting and patient rooms, and any other energy-saving opportunities. Following our “earth hours,” associates are continually encouraged to incorporate these simple, energy-saving activities as part of their daily work routine.
**Awards and Recognition**

**Associate Recognition** To honor Advocate Health Care’s accomplishments in 2009, a systemwide Environmental Stewardship award was presented in February 2010. The chairs of Advocate Health Care’s Green Council made the selection based on feedback from across all sites. Michelle Gerhardt, R.N., Advocate Hope Children’s Hospital, was selected for this honor. She was commended for starting a green team in 2007—only the second one in the system, recruiting green team members and pushing for change that led Advocate’s largest hospital down the path toward environmental awareness.

First Annual Advocate Health Care Environmental Stewardship Awards To continue the recognition of green leaders, Advocate Health Care launched its first Environment Stewardship Awards program across all sites. Associates across the system were invited to nominate coworkers or colleagues who are “true stewards of the environment.” Through an online form, more than 100 associates were nominated, which was an impressive accomplishment the first year of this recognition program. Awardees were selected by a system team that ranked the nominations in the categories of recycling and special awards. Seventeen associates were honored at a ceremony on November 15, 2010—America Recycles Day. Each was honored for impacting green changes at their sites and their commitment to inspiring change.

First Annual Advocate Health Care Environmental Stewardship Awards

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**Practice Greenhealth Environmental Excellence Awards** Practice Greenhealth, the nation’s leading authority on sustainable health care operations has recognized several of Advocate Health Care’s hospitals annually for environmental excellence in health care operations since 2007. In 2010, eight of Advocate’s ten hospitals received environmental excellence recognition in several categories (see table above). For the first time ever, four hospitals were recognized with the Partner for Change, With Distinction award for outstanding achievement in environmental excellence. This honor is especially notable as it is only bestowed upon hospitals in the U.S. who are demonstrating significant and innovative improvements in waste reduction, mercury elimination and pollution prevention programs. Advocate Health Care is proud to earn the honor of a System for Change for the third consecutive year, being recognized for working cohesively to set system goals, track data, benchmark, and share successes in environmental performance.

GOLD Award Winner Ascent Healthcare Solutions, a third party remanufacturer of medical devices, recognized Advocate Health Care for “outstanding performance in reducing environmental harm and improving overall hospital quality through medical device remanufacturing and reprocessing.”

**Practice Greenhealth 2010 Environmental Excellence Awards**

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First Annual Advocate Health Care Environmental Stewardship Awards recognized for being “true stewards of the environment”

Amy Lapinakas, Utilization Management Advocate Medical Group

Pamela Oles, Radiology Advocate BroMenn Medical Center

Sandy Daley, RN, Outpatient Oncology 5 West Advocate Christ Medical Center

Karen Schaffrath, Telecommunications Advocate Concord Medical Center

Dr. Bruce Donanberg, Emergency Department Advocate Good Samaritan Hospital

Karen O’Connor, RN, Quality Advocate Good Samaritan Hospital

Brian Kelly, Administration Advocate South Suburban Hospital

Kathleen Knight, Advocate Home Health Services

Celestine Delphina, RN, Surgical Services Advocate Trinity Hospital

Nancy Durbin, BSN, Advocate Parish Nurse Ministry Advocate Support Centers/Touhy Support Center

Mitchell Ashcroft, Food and Nutrition Services Advocate Good Samaritan Hospital

Darryl Dylla, Facilities Engineering Advocate Illinois Masonic Medical Center

Stib Joseph, Radiology Department MTH Advocate Good Samaritan Hospital

Jo Ann “Jodi” Abad, Women’s Imaging-Mammograms Advocate Concord Medical Center

Sarah Sajovec, Inpatient Pharmacy Advocate BroMenn Medical Center

Maria Acosta, Respiratory Care Advocate Illinois Masonic Medical Center

Michaelene Martin, R.N., Child and Adolescent Psychiatry Advocate Lutheran General Hospital

*This is a one-time only award previously achieved by Advocate Lutheran General Hospital, Advocate Christ Medical Center, Advocate Illinois Masonic Medical Center, Advocate Trinity, and Advocate Good Shepherd Hospital.

**Third consecutive year.
Environmental Dashboard Development Advocate Health Care developed an environmental dashboard as a management tool permitting all levels of the organization to track progress in achieving environmental goals and resulting benefits, including conservation of financial and natural resources. The dashboard also serves as an educational resource for hospital green teams and a wide variety of managers involved in implementing sustainable operations initiatives. Hyperlinks are embedded into the dashboard for easy and instant access to a catalog of reference materials, ‘best practices’ resources and regulatory specifications are organized by categories specified by the Healthier Hospitals Initiative. Hospital-level dashboards indicate site specific contributions and progress in meeting the system environmental goals in energy, waste and paper reduction. As an illustration of Advocate’s leadership in this arena, the environmental dashboard will be shared with the other founding health systems of HHI as a potential model for tracking organizational commitment, sustainability metrics and ongoing management.

Chemicals Action Plan Committee Advocate Health Care has recognized that chemicals used because of their beneficial effects also may have harmful effects, not only for the environment but also for people. In the interest of patient and associate safety, as well as the safety of communities and the environment, Advocate Health Care through its Health Outcomes Council has commissioned a Chemicals Action Plan Committee. The committee will evaluate the use of chemicals throughout Advocate, develop a framework for assessing chemicals’ benefits and harms in light of available alternatives, and recommend a systemwide policy on the selection, purchase and use of chemicals. Once it accomplishes the initial assessment and develops an action plan, the committee will continue to evaluate Advocate’s ongoing use of chemicals and make recommendations to the Health Outcomes Council on safer chemical use guidelines.

Greening the O.R. Initiative Two Advocate hospitals—Advocate Condell Medical Center and Advocate Lutheran General Hospital—joined the Practice Greenhealth-sponsored Greening the O.R. initiative in August 2010. By endorsing the initiative, the surgical services directors from both hospitals have committed to share best practices, identify barriers to implementation, highlight successes and strategize about mechanisms to improve implementation of programs relevant to reducing the environmental impact of operating room activity.
Environmental Stewardship in Action

With the support and empowerment of Advocate Health Care’s executive management team, stories abound of how associates are gathering, planning, implementing and spurring a movement among their colleagues to participate in caring for our environment. From the innovative and creative to the practical and essential, Advocate’s associates are helping to improve the health of our environment by reducing waste and supporting our communities.

Advocate System Initiatives:

• Saved 22 tons of waste from landfill and saved $1.5 million by medical device reprocessing
• Sold reusable travel mugs in hospital cafeterias
• Executed the Healthy Food Pledge, committing to serving local, nutritious, sustainable food and modeling healthy food practices
• Saved 50 tons of waste from going to landfill by converting to reusable sharps containers
• Offered a Commuter Benefits Program available for all associates to purchase transportation passes, fare card or vouchers for buses and trains with pre-tax dollars
• Turned off lights in vending machines to save energy
• Eliminated Styrofoam in hospital cafeterias
• Used biodegradable and compostable ‘to-go’ food containers in hospital cafeterias
• Reduced use of toxic chemicals used for sterilization
• Recognized 17 associates with the first annual Environmental Stewardship awards for their demonstration of being “true stewards of our environment.”

Corporate Partnerships/Sponsors

Advocate Health Care’s mission-driven environmental change efforts also have become the work of Advocate Charitable Foundation, the philanthropic arm of Advocate Health Care. Advocate’s environmental improvement efforts have advanced with the generous support of corporate donors. In 2010, the Advocate Charitable Foundation helped to secure generous contributions for the system’s green initiatives from six local and national companies. The Foundation also has identified and pursued public and private grants for environmental projects. Recently, those efforts resulted in a $17,000 grant award for a hospital kitchen energy efficiency improvement project at one Advocate site. The Foundation will continue to review grant opportunities and prepare funding proposals for other projects within the Advocate system. In addition, Advocate Charitable Foundation has secured support from individual contributors. In 2010, Advocate Health Care’s associate giving program named the Advocate Green Council as a campaign beneficiary. Advocate employees contributed nearly $10,000, through payroll deduction and outright gifts, to directly support systemwide sustainability efforts.

Advocate Health Care thanks the following corporate donors for their philanthropic support of our environmental improvement efforts:

Anonymous
Aramark
Citadel Information Management
Hygia Health Services, Inc.
Johnson Controls, Inc.
Owens & Minor Distribution, Inc.

Advocate Christ Medical Center/Advocate Hope Children’s Hospital

• Replanted seasonal tulip bulbs with help of local landscaper to honor breast cancer awareness in October 2010
• Collected clean blue wrap for local animal shelter--15.5 tons of blue wrap diverted from landfill
• Saved 2.7 tons of clean bags and bubble wrap used to transport pharmaceuticals for reuse by associates

Advocate BroMenn Medical Center

• Recycled over 9,000 pounds of worn out blankets, linens and rags
• Donated 1,300 pounds of supplies to Haiti Relief
Advocate Charitable Foundation
- Reduced consumption of paper by nearly 130 reams annually by converting the Honor Roll of Donors and correspondence from printed pages to an electronic format online.

Advocate South Suburban Hospital
- Used Integrated Pest Management practices to eliminate pests in the health care environment without the use of harmful chemicals.
- Achieved the highest recycling rate in the system at 25% for 2010.

Advocate Good Shepherd Hospital
- Purchased a new recycling compactor in 2010 and achieved a 21% recycling rate.
- Began program with Special Education District of Lake County student volunteers to make recycling pick-up “rounds” in the hospital during the summer months.
- Implemented a hospital pharmaceutical waste program.

Advocate Good Samaritan Hospital
- Saved thousands of dollars and reduced waste by removing paper mats on patient trays.
- Recycled fryer grease.
- Built a butterfly garden with the help of a local boy scout troop.
- Promoted recycling via My Channel on patient’s in-room television requesting placement of all recyclables on patient tray for sorting in dish room.
- Raised funds for woman’s auxiliary from Farmer’s Market profits.
- Eliminated bottled water from patient services and special functions.
- Distributed tree saplings to associates on Earth Day.
- Accumulated a week’s worth of unused napkins, utensils and condiment packets from the cafeteria to demonstrate the waste and the equivalent environmental cost.

Advocate Lutheran General Hospital/Advocate Lutheran General Children’s Hospital
- Sponsored an on-site Farmer’s Market held weekly in summer.
- Built the first LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) Gold hospital in the state of Illinois.
- Held an electronics recycling drive for associates on America Recycles Day.
- Provided energy and environmental conservation education for visitors in the “Why Green? Gallery.”

Advocate Oak Brook Support Center
- Eliminated unnecessary preprinted forms, reducing paper costs by $19,800 and overall paper consumption.

Advocate Medical Group
- Challenged by a lack of vendor supported recycling programs at physician office locations, many medical group associates bring home recyclable materials to be combined with their household curbside recycling.

Advocate Trinity Hospital
- Earned the American Society of Healthcare Engineering E2C Award for reducing energy intensity by 15%.
- Installed green roof for storm water conservation benefits and aesthetic enjoyment.
- Implemented a furniture reuse program with sister hospital, Advocate Christ Medical Center and our furniture vendor.

Advocate Condell Medical Center
- Doubled volume of recycled materials by relocating the compactor closer to the hospital’s loading dock.

Advocate Lutheran General Hospital/Advocate Lutheran General Children’s Hospital
- Installed green roof for storm water conservation benefits and aesthetic enjoyment.
- Implemented a furniture reuse program with sister hospital, Advocate Christ Medical Center and our furniture vendor.

Advocate Dreyer Surgical Center
- Recycled an average of 20 pounds per day.
- Achieved paper consumption reductions via reduced printing, elimination of two-ply forms and use of scanning technology.
- Saved 32 reams of paper annually at ambulatory surgery center by eliminating provider schedule printing.

Advocate Eureka Hospital
- Increased recycling of paper, plastic and aluminum by over 200% between 2009 and 2010.

Advocate Illinois Masonic Medical Center
- Donated hundreds of vases to a local florist for reuse.
- Raffled a bicycle at Earth Day celebration to promote biking to work.
- Donated used clean blankets to a local homeless shelter.

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