

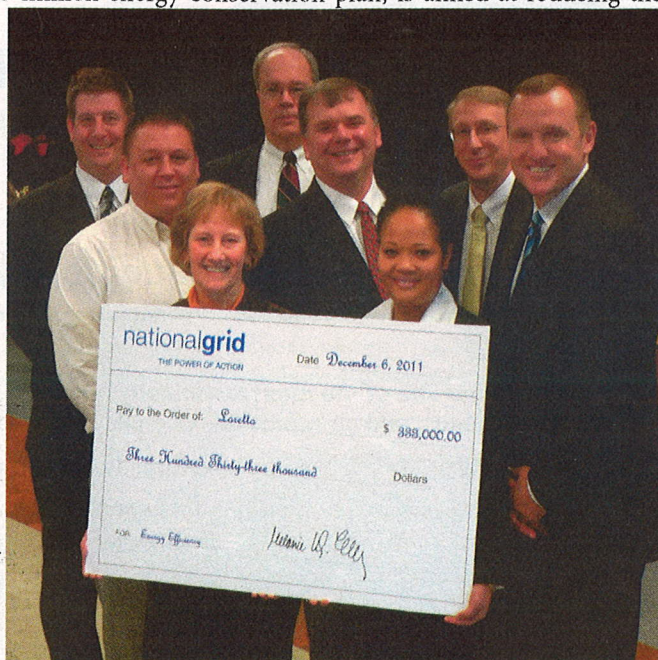
Award defrays cost of center's energy efficiency upgrades

National Grid will provide a \$333,000 Custom Incentive award to Loretto Health and Rehabilitation Center for energy efficiency upgrades implemented at Loretto's Cunningham Skilled Nursing and Fahey Rehabilitation facilities in Syracuse. Custom Incentive awards are available for more complex or unique energy efficiency equipment or projects.

"We are very grateful to National Grid and its financial support of Loretto Health and Rehabilitation Center's Energy Project through its Custom Incentive Program," said Sally Berry, Loretto, senior vice president for policy and program development. "As a leading long-term care provider and employer of choice in Central New York, it's important that Loretto demonstrates environmental leadership in our community through innovative and cost-effective energy conservation measures that add to the overall quality of life for and comfort of our elder residents and staff."

Loretto's 10-year, \$4.5 million energy conservation plan, is aimed at reducing the annual operating costs of the Cunningham Skilled Nursing and Fahey Rehabilitation Facilities by approximately \$368,000, or 30 percent, while significantly reducing the environmental impact of these facilities and improving the quality of life for both residents and staff.

"National Grid is thrilled to work with Loretto," said Kenneth Daly, National Grid president for New York. "We support initiatives like this because we are committed to sustainability and energy efficiency and projects that reduce environmental impact. National Grid is very pleased to help the Cunningham and Fahey facilities realize energy savings through improved efficiencies like better lighting, airflow, and



On December 6, National Grid presented a \$333,000 Custom Incentive award to the Loretto Health and Rehabilitation Center in Syracuse for energy efficiency upgrades. National Grid funding helps defray costs associated with Loretto's 10-year, \$4.5 million investment to reduce the center's carbon footprint and improve the quality of life for its elder residents. Pictured from left are Loretto staff members, John Murray, Chief Financial Officer, Joe Harris, Energy Project Manager, Sally Berry, Senior Vice President for Policy and Program Development, and Tom O'Connor, Vice President of Administrative Services, with Tom Cunningham, Constellation NewEnergy Business Development Manager, and National Grid representatives, Melani Littlejohn, Regional Executive – Central New York Division, Christopher Gorman, Manager – Community & Customer Management NY, and Kenneth Daly, National Grid President for New York.

heat recovery."


Energy efficiency improvements to Loretto's Cunningham Skilled Nursing and Fahey Rehabilitation facilities included installation of high energy efficient heat recovery wheels, high performance energy efficient lighting, and variable frequency drives on main air handling units to reduce energy consumption and eliminate wasteful air exchanges, to name a few.


"With the assistance of National Grid's Custom Incentive Program, Loretto Health and Rehabilitation Center's Energy Project will reduce annual operating costs by approximately \$368,000 while significantly reducing the environmental impact of our facility in the community," said John Murray, chief financial officer for Loretto.

Loretto's energy plan will remove 2,769 tons of carbon dioxide and 6,456 pounds of nitric oxide every year. According to U.S. Environmental Protection Agency calculations, the environmental benefits from this project are equivalent to planting 12,718 trees per year.

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