

August 21, 2018

Mayor Steve Hagerty
2100 Ridge Avenue
Evanston, IL 60201

Subject: Presence Saint Francis Hospital Climate Commitment to Mayor Hagerty's Climate Action and Resilience Plan

Dear Mayor Hagerty,

Thank you for inviting Presence Saint Francis Hospital to the April 5th Climate Action Meeting of large employers. As an organization we are committed to continuing to be an active member of the Evanston community. We are excited to join other large employers and the City in reducing our contribution to climate change and ensuring Evanston is prepared for its impacts.

Inspired by the healing ministry of Jesus Christ, Presence Health, a Catholic health system, provides compassionate, holistic care with a spirit of healing and hope in the communities we serve. Our mission reflects the compassionate spirit of the religious women who founded our ministries.

In 2013, Presence Health established its baseline year in ENERGY STAR Portfolio Manager in order to monitor and reduce energy use and mitigate the effects of climate change. In May 2015, Pope Francis issued the encyclical letter [Laudato Si' – On Care for Our Common Home](#), which challenged Catholic ministries to deepen commitments to care for the planet along with her people. Presence Saint Francis Hospital (PSFH) has taken a leading role within Presence Health, reducing energy use and greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions by more than 7% since the baseline year. In 2017, PSFH led Presence Health into the American Society of Hospital Engineers (ASHE) Energy to Care Chapter Challenge. Our Northern Illinois chapter won the national award for energy and GHG emissions reduction.

What have we done to get here? Presence Health committed to Portfolio Manager in 2013 based on the maxim that you can't manage what you don't measure. After years of expecting energy use to increase by 1-2%, PSFH now budgets for modest annual energy reductions. We have adopted the Plant Operations Quarterly Checklist that includes almost 150 seasonal energy conservation measures across 9 categories from cooling towers to steam systems. The checklist focuses staff attention on no-cost and low-cost energy monitoring and preventive maintenance throughout the year.

PSFH has partnered with ComEd and Nicor energy efficiency programs to analyze energy use and adopt conservation measures, often with technical support and rebates. Both utilities have assigned healthcare outreach specialists who review energy conservation measures with us on a regular basis. Through these initiatives, PSFH has replaced steam traps, installed laminar flow devices, upgraded lighting systems to LED and installed occupancy sensors, among other projects.

We understand that in order for the Evanston community meet its ambitious goals, from 100% clean energy to eventual carbon neutrality, additional action is necessary from all members of the Evanston community. Consistent with our well-established practices and mission statement, we are excited to announce the following:

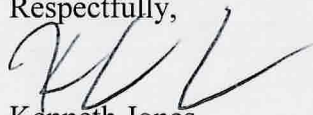
New Climate/Energy/Sustainability Commitments

- Commit to the Evanston Mitigation Plan to reduce GHG emissions 50% below 2005 levels by 2025
- Expand the use of ENERGY STAR Portfolio Manager to track and reduce water usage and adopt the [US EPA WaterSense Program](#) (Evanston goal 5.1)
- Expand the use of ENERGY STAR Portfolio Manager to track and reduce waste streams for batteries, cardboard, electronics, fats/oils/grease, lighting and mixed paper (Evanston goal 3.0)
- Reduce, divert and reuse 35% of construction and demolition material by 2025 (Evanston goal 3.2)
- Reduce overall waste 25% by 2025 (Evanston goal 3.1)

PSFH will provide an annual update to the City on the status of these commitments to ensure community progress in fighting climate change.

We want to thank the Mayor for his leadership on this important community issue and we look forward to continue making Evanston the Most Livable City in America.

Respectfully,



Kenneth Jones
President
Presence Saint Francis Hospital