



Pilgrim Manor Retirement Community Grand Rapids

“As Pilgrim Manor celebrates our 50th Anniversary we reflect back on our positive impact on people’s lives and our environment. The sustainable programs in place at Pilgrim Manor not only create a cost savings to our business but reduce our carbon footprint on the world. Further, the relationships established in our community define Pilgrim Manor as a committed community partner sharing the same vision of ‘preserving the environment for our future’.”

Kim Kimbrough-Wozniak, Administrator

Vital Statistics

*Clean Corporate Citizen since
February 25, 2008*

Operation

*Retirement Community and Skilled
Nursing and Rehabilitation Facility*

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Pilgrim Manor, a nonprofit corporation affiliated with the United Church of Christ, provides a community for older adults of all faiths that enable them to meet their on-going physical, social and spiritual needs, affirming their dignity, meaning and worth. A long term care facility founded in 1963, Pilgrim Manor has 55 licensed beds, serving skilled nursing residents and 110 rooms for assisted living residents.

Pilgrim Manor recognizes human health is intimately connected to the health of the environment and community which it serves. Pilgrim Manor uses the framework of its Environmental Stewardship System (ESS) and the Michigan Business Pollution Prevention Partnership, in the context of an organization-wide focus on sustainability, to enhance the quality of life for residents, staff and neighbors, while providing tools to protect Earth’s natural resources and accomplish the following goals:



From 2010-2011 we reduced natural gas consumption by over 13 percent.

We have an established electronic waste recycling program for all staff, residents and community members. From 2008-2012 we have recycled 5,628 lbs (2.814 tons) of e-waste.

From 2010-2012 we have recycled 630 Compact Fluorescent Bulbs, equal to 1,260 mg Mercury inverted. *This is important because 5mg Mercury can contaminate up to 6000 gallons of water.*

Permeable Parking Lot and native rain garden were added in fall 2010. We are a zero-stormwater discharge site.

Participant in the West Michigan Take Back Meds Program since May 2011. From 2011-2012, we have collected and diverted 166.28 lbs of medications from landfill &/or water stream.



- From 2011-2012 we have recycled 474 gallons of fryer grease.
- From 2009-2012 we have recycled 515 units of Ink & Toner Cartridges with rebates totaling over \$1,100.00.
- From 2007-2012 we have recycled 427.50 lbs of Batteries.
- From 2007-2012 we have recycled (paper, plastic, cardboard, glass, metal) approximately 62,976 gallons of recyclable waste.
- In 2011, all Incandescent and CFL Exit Signs were replaced with LED's. This has an estimated savings of \$1,800.00/year.
- The 'Helping Hands Pantry' was established in 2009 to provide free food, toiletries and other household items to employees in need of assistance.
- Bottles and cans are returned for deposit and the profits are used for employee programs.
- Quarterly review of vendor invoices has allowed us to identify billing errors and additional areas of savings through contract negotiations and vendor alternatives.

As Michigan's first and only long-term care facility to have been awarded the Clean Corporate Citizen designation, we are committed to socially and economically improving our operations and services and are committed to continuous improvement in the environmental quality of our community.

- Four-time recipient of the DEQ- NEP (Neighborhood Environmental Partners) Award, recognizing Pilgrim Manor and our community partners for working together to improve the environment in our community through the implementation of ongoing environmental projects.
- 2012 HCAM Quality First, Bronze Award Recipient for achieving and improving excellence in quality care.
- Partnership with the YMCA Veggie Van began in 2012 to provide access to local, fresh and affordable food year round. The Veggie Van sets-up at Pilgrim Manor once a week and is open to the public, residents, staff and family members.
- Each year since 2011, we partner with Habitat for Humanity to engage employees in two days of volunteerism within the community.
- Each year since 2011, employees form a volunteer team to participate in the Mayor's Annual Grand River Clean-up.

Additional Community Partnerships include: Comprenew, KCTC-Agriscience program, GVSU-Make a Difference Day, Calvin College- Streetfest.