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## **Connecticut Children's Medical Center Recognized for Commitment to Energy Efficiency**

**Hartford, Conn. – February 10, 2014** – Connecticut Children's Medical Center was recognized Friday by Connecticut Light & Power (CL&P) and the Connecticut Energy Efficiency Board for the installation of new energy efficient equipment.

Connecticut Children's Medical Center officials received a special plaque during a ceremony, held at the hospital's Hartford campus, celebrating completion of the energy-saving upgrades.

Connecticut Children's Medical Center worked with energy experts from CL&P to complete the \$1.4 million project, which will save the hospital more than \$150,000 in annual energy costs, more than 800,000 kilowatt hours of electricity and 37,000 CCF (one CCF equals 100 cubic feet) of natural gas each year. These savings are equivalent to the amount of electricity 75 homes would typically consume in one year, and result in avoided emissions of approximately 609 tons of CO<sub>2</sub>, which is the equivalent of taking 106 cars off the road for a year.

"Connecticut Children's Medical Center is committed to energy efficiency, and to taking the necessary steps to help reduce energy use, lower operating costs, and make our buildings more comfortable," said Marty Gavin, President and CEO of Connecticut Children's Medical Center. "We hope that our efforts will position us as an energy thought leader within our industry and will help further Connecticut's leadership role in energy efficiency."

Connecticut Children's Medical Center received an Energize Connecticut program incentive of \$500,000 to help with costs of the project, which included upgrades to the hospital's energy infrastructure. Old, inefficient lighting was replaced with energy-efficient LED bulbs, and weather stripping and pipe insulation was installed.

Additionally, bathroom faucet and showerheads were fitted with flow-restricting devices, which help reduce the amount of water being used while still maintaining a comfortable level of water pressure. The kitchen spray washer was also replaced with a high-pressure, low-flow washer.

"Connecticut Children's Medical Center is a great example of how medical facilities can take advantage of incentives to achieve their energy efficiency goals in a realistic and affordable way, and save them money in the long run," said Ron Araujo, Manager of Conservation & Load Management program implementation at CL&P.

For more information on energy-saving programs, please visit [www.EnergizeCT.com](http://www.EnergizeCT.com) or call 877.WISE.USE (877-947-3873).

#### ***About Connecticut Children's Medical Center***

Connecticut Children's Medical Center is a nationally recognized, 187-bed not-for-profit children's hospital serving as the primary teaching hospital for the Department of Pediatrics at the University of Connecticut School of Medicine. Named among the best in the nation for several of its pediatric specialties in the annual U.S. News & World Report "Best Children's Hospitals" rankings, Connecticut Children's is the only free-standing children's hospital in Connecticut that offers comprehensive, world-class health care to children. Our pediatric services are available at Connecticut Children's Medical Center in Hartford and at Saint Mary's Hospital in Waterbury, with neonatal intensive care units at Hartford Hospital and the University of Connecticut Health Center, along with a state-of-the-art ambulatory surgery center, five specialty care centers and 10 other locations across the state. Connecticut Children's has a medical staff of nearly 1,100 practicing in more than 30 specialties.

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