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**Saint Joseph's Hospital Makes Behind the Scenes Energy Savings Upgrades**  
*- Energy efficiency improvements save \$125,000 annually at Marshfield, Wis. hospital -*

**MADISON, Wis. (April 22, 2009)** — It may look like business as usual at Saint Joseph's Hospital in Marshfield, Wis., but behind the scenes the facility staff has made two major energy – and dollar –savings improvements this year, all without disrupting the first class patient care.

With the help of Focus on Energy, Wisconsin's energy efficiency and renewable energy initiative, Saint Joseph's Hospital has reduced its energy consumption by more than 525,000 kilowatt-hours of electricity and 85,000 therms of natural gas annually – saving enough energy to power 145 homes for a year. The hospital will also save approximately \$125,000 on its energy bills each year.

“This is a great program,” said Randy Wegner, department director of facilities management at Saint Joseph's Hospital. “Working with Focus was seamless and the energy advisor integrated with our process to make sure we received maximum savings.”

Saint Joseph's Hospital received \$73,000 in cash incentives from Focus on Energy to assist its efforts toward becoming more energy efficient. Projects included:

- Installing a high efficiency water-cooled electric chiller. The new machine has advanced controls, a variable speed compressor and more heat transfer surface than a standard chiller.
- Replacing a constant-volume heating, ventilation and air conditioning system with variable-air-volume system. This saves energy as less air needs to be cooled, heated and circulated.

“The Focus financial incentives really helped lower our initial investment so we could get these projects done,” Wegner explained. “There was no reason to wait, we could do the projects right away and start saving on energy costs.”

“Building operations systems are a great place to make energy efficiency improvements without affecting customer or employee comfort,” said Ken Williams, Focus on Energy's business

programs director. “These behind the scenes changes can save significant amounts of energy and are often better technologies, requiring less maintenance.”

Focus can help identify and evaluate energy saving opportunities, report findings with specific recommendations, develop energy management plans, find vendors and arrange technical training opportunities about energy conservation – helping companies improve their bottom lines.

For more information on Focus on Energy’s Business Programs, call (800) 762-7077 or visit [focusonenergy.com](http://focusonenergy.com).

### **Saint Joseph’s Hospital**

Saint Joseph’s Hospital is a 500-plus bed tertiary care teaching institution. One of the largest rural referral medical centers and one of only three Children’s Hospitals in Wisconsin, it provides health care, including all major medical and surgical specialties and subspecialties, to an ever increasing service area in Wisconsin and Upper Michigan. More than 400 Marshfield Clinic physicians are on its medical staff, with more than 2,400 quality caregivers and support staff providing round-the-clock support. Saint Joseph’s Hospital, a member of Ministry Health Care, was founded nearly 120 years ago by the Sisters of the Sorrowful Mother. Its Mission is to continually improve the health and well being of all people, especially the poor, in the communities it serves.

### **About Focus on Energy**

Focus on Energy works with eligible Wisconsin residents and businesses to install cost effective energy efficiency and renewable energy projects. Focus information, resources and financial incentives help to implement projects that otherwise would not be completed, or to complete projects sooner than scheduled. Its efforts help Wisconsin residents and businesses manage rising energy costs, promote in-state economic development, protect our environment and control the state’s growing demand for electricity and natural gas. For more information, call (800) 762-7077 or visit [focusonenergy.com](http://focusonenergy.com).

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