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Re: Cool Roof Project at Otilie Campus

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We want to thank you for giving our site the “cool roof” treatment. Our utility bills are very high and we are looking forward to the 25% to 30% reduction in our cooling costs. At a time when the costs of running this facility are increasing and donations are decreasing we recognize that without your generosity we could not have participated in Bloomberg’s “cool roof” initiative. The initial outlay for the product and labor would have been too much for our budget. Even though you offered free labor, your kindhearted paint donation was needed. Your volunteers were cordial, hardworking and respectful of our campus. They were focused, neat and cleaned up at the end of each workday. Any insurance/administrative issues were resolved quickly and professionally.

For the past 3 years we have been greening our campus in affordable ways. We have phased in green cleaning products, energy saving light fixtures, bulbs and appliances, reusable plates, cups and eating utensils, thermostats with timers, and have photoelectric cells on our outdoor lighting. Our campus’ school has a garden and we get deliveries from City Harvest. Two years ago we contacted a NYSERDA contractor, received an energy audit from them and are still waiting to see how our Campus can fit into their energy conservation/incentive program.

We are a large campus and would like to do more because we definitely believe that “going green” is wonderful for the environment and cost effective for the campus but as you know lack of funds is a major deterrent. We are a residential treatment facility for adolescents and have 4 residential buildings on campus that can use all types of energy saving upgrades. If you can recommend any additional programs that we can be participants please let me know.

Again, thank you for helping us.

Sincerely,

JOYCE MOUCHETTE
Director of Support Services