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Mercy Housing Lakefront Achieves Significant Energy Savings at Zero Cost

Customer Snapshot

Energy-Saving Improvements

- Insulation and air sealing
- Weatherstripping and sealing tape
- Lighting
- Domestic hot water pipe insulation
- Room air conditioners
- Refrigerators
- Bathroom and kitchen faucet aerators
- Advanced powerstrips

Estimated Annual Savings

- 417,100 kWh
- 48,500 therms
- $103,500 annual savings

Project Costs

- $1.5 million covered by incentives from ComEd, Nicor Gas, Peoples Gas and North Shore Gas
- Total customer cost: $0

> *The cost savings at our properties were channeled to fund programs serving the residents. We are a mission-driven organization focused on providing wraparound services to our residents. This is a wonderful example of how 'more margin' enabled us to provide 'more mission.'*

Mark Angelini, Regional President
Mercy Housing Lakefront

Project Summary

Mercy Housing Lakefront, a nonprofit committed to providing affordable housing for families, seniors and individuals with special needs facing financial hardship, partnered with the Multi-Family Energy Savings (MFES) offering to deliver energy-efficient improvements to families across northern Illinois. Through this three-year collaboration, Mercy Housing improved comfort, reduced the impact of rising energy costs and helped create more affordable living environments for the residents it serves.



The projects began with free property assessments that identified opportunities for energy-saving improvements. Over the course of the project, more than 2,000 tenant units received energy-efficient electric and natural gas improvements, including air sealing and insulation improvements, new lighting, air conditioners, refrigerators and high efficiency faucet aerators.

"*Energy savings have allowed us to put those dollars back into services for our residents*," commented Felix Matlock, Mercy Housing's Regional Vice President of Resident Services. "*If we can have our residents living in a comfortable environment, surrounded by comprehensive services that help them to strengthen their lives, then that's a win-win for everyone.*" As a result of this meaningful collaboration, ComEd, Nicor Gas, Peoples Gas and North Shore Gas recognized Mercy Housing with the Premier Partner Award.

This successful partnership between Multi-Family Energy Savings and Mercy Housing supported the creation of healthy, energy-efficient, and affordable communities for those who need it most. "*In my apartment, the [energy] efficiency that I have, enables me to save money*," said resident Linda Colozzi, "*and I find that the [new] lighting is really helpful when I come home at night*."

Environmental Impacts*

The energy savings from this project are equivalent to:

- 84 homes' energy use for one year
- 10,000 tree seedlings grown for 10 years
- 146 gasoline-powered vehicles driven for one year
- 32 garbage trucks of waste recycled instead of landfilled

Eligible properties may qualify for free or discounted energy-saving improvements. Schedule a free assessment to learn more.

Visit multifamilyportal.com or call 855-993-0940.

* epa.gov

Estimated annual savings are calculated using $0.17/kWh, $0.6713/therm (Nicor Gas), $0.6762/therm (Peoples Gas), and $0.5964/therm (North Shore Gas).
Individual cost savings are not guaranteed and will vary based on weather, energy usage habits and rates. Terms and conditions apply. Offers are subject to change. Eligibility requirements apply.

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