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Memorial Health System Celebrates Planet Health and Sustainability

Memorial Health System will make a visible commitment to sustainability this Earth Day, Thursday, April 22. Memorial employees will demonstrate their dedication to sustainable environment behaviors by writing their names on a rock and placing it in Memorial's Sustainable Environment Circle of Health Garden, outside the main entrance.

Employees will also fill out and sign "What Will I Do" cards, which will be distributed at the event. The event will also serve as the official launch of a campaign urging Memorial employees to turn off computers (when appropriate) on nights and weekends. This could cut annual CO₂ emissions as much as the equivalent to the emissions of 578 cars (average running over a year).

Memorial's commitment to the environment is an ongoing effort, extending far past just Earth Day activities. Highlights include:

- Memorial recycled more than 250 tons of waste in 2009.
- Most lighting has been retrofitted to utilize more energy-efficient bulbs.
- Many departments have significantly reduced paper usage.
- The cafeteria encourages the use of china instead of disposable items. All employees are given a free reusable mug for discounted drinks in the cafeteria.
- Nutritional Services is purchasing more local and organic produce.
- Memorial introduced a partnership with B&B Organic Express, offering organic fruits and vegetables for sale to all employees. Through this program, produce is delivered directly to Memorial for those interested.

Memorial's Commitment Statement: The health of the planet guides the health of each one of us. Today we dedicate ourselves to pursue a sustainable environment recognizing that our individual actions create a cascading benefit for all.

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