



Maryland Green Registry MEMBER

The Maryland Green Registry promotes and recognizes sustainable practices at organizations of all types and sizes. Members agree to share at least five environmental practices and one measurable result while striving to continually improve their environmental performance.

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Non Profit Organization that provides homes and support to individuals with developmental disabilities

Member since November 2010

Management and Leadership



Environmental Team

Bello Machre's Green Committee was formed in October of 2009. It consists of members of the Administrative staff as well as support from Bello Machre's direct care staff. The mission of the Green Committee is to be mindful of our resource consumption at all times and educate staff on how to reduce our impacts on the environment. The committee meets twice a month to get started on a new project.



Annual Environmental Goals

Bello Machre provides homes, support, and loving care to individuals with developmental disabilities. Currently, we have 54 homes located all over Anne Arundel County. The Green Committee is in the process of doing a review of the BGE bills for all of our homes month by month. We are working on techniques to minimize these bills to better benefit our environment.



Environmentally Preferable Products and Services

The Green Committee has begun introducing our homes and employees to green cleaning products. We created a glass cleaner that consists of just water, vinegar, and essential oils for each house and provided them with instructions on how to make more when they run out. Our next product that we are introducing is an oven cleaner that consists of salt, baking soda, water, vinegar, and essential oils.

Environmentally Preferable Purchasing

In the past year Bello Machre has made many changes to the products we purchase for everyday use. We have switched all cups, plates, paper towels, toilet paper, printer paper, etc. to products that recyclable and containing at least 30% post consumer waste. All of our newsletters, annual reports, and letterhead are printed on recyclable paper and include the recycle logo. Our calendars are printed with vegetable-based ink on recycled paper.

Environmental Restoration or Community Environmental Projects

Bello Machre has a big Earth Day Celebration each year. This past year we had lots of volunteers and employees get together on Earth Day to garden and plant flowers at our homes. They also shredded all paper documents (from the office and dropped off by our Family Living Directors), which was then taken to be recycled.

Waste

Recycling

The Green Committee's first project was to set up a recycling program for the offices. This has eliminated our trash disposal by roughly 50%. Once the office recycling was up and running, we moved onto our homes. An Anne Arundel County representative delivered a recycling bin to each house and recycling was put into action. We recycle cans, bottles, paper products, all printer and copy paper, cardboard, etc. We also recycle all of our ink cartridges.

Bello Machre is holding our first Annual Electronics Recycle Drive the second week in November of 2010. We are accepting and encouraging staff to bring in any old electronics that have been sitting around the house for a while. Our team will then deliver the electronics to be recycled.

Energy

Energy Efficiency

Bello Machre is also working towards having all 54 of our homes using programmable thermostats. Each house will have a team meeting to discuss what temperatures will be comfortable for the staff and individuals living in the house. Once their forms are turned in, the house will receive a \$100 petty cash bonus.

Many of our employees have purchased desk lamps and use window light rather than their overhead lights. Employees have also set their computers to 'sleep' instead of using a screen saver. Eliminating screen savers have saved almost \$50 per computer per year. With 25 office computers, this saves Bello Machre over \$1,000 per year!

Transportation

Employee Commute

Bello Machre employees have the option to work from home one day a week to reduce commuting.

Fleet Vehicles

Each one of Bello Machre's homes has a van that is used to transport staff and our individuals. Each Family Living Director maintains the fuel efficiency of the vans by regularly checking the tire pressure. Staff also plan appropriately for appointments and outings by carpooling as much as possible.



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