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### **KENDAL AT HANOVER RECEIVES ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY GRANT TO STUDY ENERGY EFFICIENCY**

Kendal at Hanover has received a grant from Kendal Charitable Funds in the amount of \$10,000 to undertake a community-wide, resident-driven program to investigate and fully understand electricity usage in their community. The underlining goal of this study is to find effective ways of reducing the level of carbon monoxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) emissions that the facility contributes to the atmosphere each year.

More specifically, the grant allows Kendal at Hanover to purchase industrial data-logging instrumentation devices necessary to monitor electrical usage for each piece of equipment being analyzed at many locations in the community. The collection of data and usage analysis is expected to take nearly a year to complete.

With strategically placed data loggers, Kendal at Hanover will be able to tell at any time how much power was used among major functional areas of the facility. At the end of the data collection period, the information retrieved from the data loggers will be uploaded to computers. The community's ultimate goal is to compare this captured data to other data, such as heating and cooling on specific days. This will permit Kendal at Hanover to recommend where they need to focus energy efficiency and conservation efforts.

"It is our hope and expectation," states Becky Smith, Executive Director, Kendal at Hanover, "that the data and conclusions resulting from analysis will provide the necessary information to identify where efficiencies in electrical energy consumption should be pursued. Effort will then focus on energy saving projects and programs."

"It is the hope of residents and staff alike that the energy usage analysis Kendal at Hanover undertakes can be shared with other Kendal communities as resource information," states Brent B. Edgerton, Associate Executive Director, Kendal at Hanover. He added, "Since many Kendal

communities operate similarly, any conceptualized energy saving project could be included in cost-saving measures that create our ultimate goal of reducing the level of CO2 emissions into our atmosphere. Now wouldn't that objective make this world a better place for all of us to live?"

Kendal at Hanover is accredited as a full service continuing care retirement community by CARF-CCAC, an independent commission that accredits continuing care retirement communities and aging services networks. Kendal at Hanover is a member of the American Association of Homes and Services for the Aging and the Northern New England Association of Homes and Services for the Aging.

Kendal Charitable Funds, incorporated in 1994, is the umbrella organization for various Kendal Corporation outreach efforts. In addition, residents of Kendal affiliates, together with the wider constituency, support various funds to help ensure economic diversity in the resident population and assist residents who may need help.