



MERCY
REGIONAL
HEALTH CENTER

Empowered & Effective
Healthcare Green Teams
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Mercy Regional Health Center



- Manhattan, KS
- Beds: 150
- Employees: 850+
- Physicians: 140+
- Volunteers: 200+

WHY A GREEN TEAM?

- Employees were asking for a recycling program
- Large amount of daily waste into landfill
- Set an example and become a leader in pollution prevention
- Right thing to do



WHO IS THE GREEN TEAM?



- Subcommittee of Living the Mission Committee
- 6 employees with a passion
- Develop an environmental statement
- Approach administration team for support

Barriers and Challenges

- No budget
- Time commitment
- No expertise in pollution prevention
- Equipment
- Responsibility
- Restraints with infection control



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Successes

- Earth Day events
- Educational opportunities
- Commitment by staff
- Reduction of waste by 3.5 tons monthly
- KSU Intern



Moving Forward

- Recycling to all 10 Mercy locations
- Bigger picture –KSU Intern findings
 - boilers
 - solid waste
 - lighting
 - water



Thank You

