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**[Facility/System name] Celebrated by ASHE for Significant Energy Reduction Efforts**

[FACILITY/SYSTEM HQ CITY] — [Facility/System name] is pleased to announce that [it / Facility name] has received the prestigious Energy to Care® Sustainability Champion Award from the American Society for Health Care Engineering (ASHE) of the American Hospital Association. [Representative title and name] will accept this award on behalf of [Facility/System name] at ASHE’s [Health Care Facilities Innovation Conference](https://www.ashe.org/education/health-care-facilities-innovation-conference?&utm_source=eblast&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=hfic&utm_content=staff-email-signature) in Anaheim, Calif., on July 24.

[Energy to Care](http://www.energytocare.com/) is ASHE’s award-winning sustainability program dedicated to helping health care facilities track their energy, water and emissions reduction efforts and celebrates hospitals and health systems that go above and beyond in achieving their sustainability goals. The Sustainability Champion Award is the Energy to Care Program’s highest distinction. [Facility name] is one of just 21 facilities — from a total of six health systems — to earn the Sustainability Champion Award in 2024, representing only 0.48% of the total facilities participating in the program. In addition to tracking energy, water and greenhouse emissions, winning facilities must maintain an ENERGY STAR® score of 75 above, report a published sustainability statement and have dedicated sustainability personnel on staff.

“By earning this award, [facility name] has demonstrated an extraordinary commitment to implementing sustainable practices among health care facilities,” says Kara Brooks, MS, LEED AP BD&C, senior associate director of sustainability at the American Hospital Association. “This achievement distinguishes [facility name] as an example among health care facilities pursuing decarbonization and I commend the [facility name] team for their exceptional energy and emissions reduction efforts.”

Major sustainability highlights at [facility name] that led to this award include:

* [example #1]
* [example #2]
* [example #3]

[OPTIONAL: Add three bullets above to highlight specific major sustainability efforts and achievements your organization has accomplished that led to your organization receiving this award]

“[insert quote from a facility representative on what winning this award means to the organization]”

Participation in the Energy to Care Program has seen consistent growth since its inception in 2006. More than 4,400 facilities have participated since 2010, and in the entire life of the program, health care facilities have seen a combined savings of over $550 million dollars reallocated to patient care.

To learn more about the Energy to Care Program and view a complete list of 2024 award winners, visit [energytocare.org/EnergyAwards](https://www.ashe.org/energytocare/award-winners).

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**About ASHE**

The American Society for Health Care Engineering (ASHE) is a professional membership group of the American Hospital Association. More than 12,000 members rely on ASHE as a critical source of professional development, information and advocacy, including representation on key issues that affect their work in the health care physical environment. For more information about ASHE, contact 312-422-3800 or visit [ashe.org](http://www.ashe.org/).

**About Energy to Care**
Energy to Care is an energy reduction program for health care facility management professionals who want to add value to their organizations through energy savings. ASHE is working hard to help members set and achieve sustainability goals. To meet this objective, ASHE created trusted sustainability resources that are specifically tailored for health care facilities. Visit [energytocare.org](http://www.energytocare.com/) to learn more about the program.