

THINK GREEN NEWS

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2015 SUSTAINABILITY YEAR IN REVIEW

Upstate's monthly **Think Green News** publication launched!

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For more Think Green information go to: green.upstate.edu Winter 2015

Welcome to our first ever edition of **Think Green News!**

The vast number of sustainable, environmentally friendly, and fiscally sound practices at Upstate Medical University remain our best kept secrets!

We know many are interested, so we want to spread the word. We intend to highlight interesting initiatives, provide education on important topics, share the successes of our Think Green Champions and others, pass along suggestions, and generally keep sustainability on people's radar, at work and at home.

This newsletter will be quick and to the point. We hope to interest you in learning more and accessing our other Think Green resources. Please watch for this newsletter to be distributed institutionally on a regular basis.

How do I learn more about being 'Green?'

Visit our Think Green website at: <http://www.upstate.edu/green/>

Have a question, concern, suggestion or success story? We want to hear it. Email us at green@upstate.edu. Questions will be reviewed and triaged to the appropriate subject expert for an answer. Your input may help individually and institutionally!



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Think Green Department Champions

Do you want to be the first to know or the department go-to person for Think Green issues?

Become a **Think Green Department Champion!**

To learn more, visit:

http://www.upstate.edu/green/what_u_can_do/dept_champs.php

UPSTATE WON THE NATIONAL UNIVERSITY HEALTHCARE CONSORTIUM (UHC) SUSTAINABILITY AWARD!

Think Green Department Champions became a primary mechanism for promoting Sustainability news within the institution.

www.upstate.edu/green website was redesigned to house both contemporary and historical Think Green information. Go there for any questions on the all the good things that Upstate is doing and education on Sustainability internally and externally.



**IT'S EASY TO THINK GREEN...
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The Think Green Committee is looking for an employee in every department to help get the word out about all the great Green initiatives at Upstate.

It takes very little time, but generates a lot of positive energy!

Would you like to join?
email: green@upstate.edu



green@upstate.edu email address is dedicated solely to *Think Green* topics.

The University Hospital Office of Volunteer Initiatives collected over 1,000 medicine bottles for the national 'Medicine Bottles for Malawi' initiative!





Upstate members supported Earth Day by conducting campus clean-ups and staffing information tables with recycling information and give-aways.

MedQuest Health Careers Exploration Camp for high school juniors and seniors across CNY contained an information session on Sustainability related to career opportunities and included the students creating their own pledge on how to be more sustainable.



Nurses recycled scrubs in two-fold Green effort.



DID YOU KNOW... ...Upstate recycling containers are for



TONS of paper, plastic, tin and plastic was collected in our single-stream recycling containers.

American Campuses Act on Climate Pledge

Upstate Medical University joined 217 campuses across the country in committing to take action on climate.

The Annual Upstate Calendar went electronic!



DID YOU KNOW...



Save the Rain systems at the Cancer Center, Geneva Tower and the CNY Biotech Accelerator collected and diverted a million-plus gallons of water.



Department of Environmental Services implemented the Stericycle Sharps Management System. This reusable Sharps container program reduces cost, increases safety with sharps handling, and prevents plastic from entering the landfill.

Reusable cups were sold at all Upstate food locations and helped to support the Pediatric Sunshine Fund.



HOLIDAY COAT DRIVE



A coat drive helped the environment and the Rescue Mission.