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## Green Certification Newsletter - July 2021

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### **Welcome Premier Medical Group** *Latest Organization to Become Certified*

On Tuesday, July 27<sup>th</sup> the Green Certification Program welcomed its newest member organization Premier Medical Group. A green ribbon cutting attended by Premier Medical Group staff, City of Clarksville Mayor Joe Pitts and the Green Certification Program Board was held to celebrate and welcome them to the Program.

Premier Medical Group operates two multistory buildings on Dunlop Lane. The buildings were built following energy and water efficiency guidelines which conserve natural resources and promote overall sustainability. The buildings' interiors include live plants, motion activated lighting and smart thermostats set to TVA energy efficient recommendations. In addition, the outdoor area of the complex includes timed irrigation and dark skies compliant parking lot lighting. Premier Medical Group also focuses on the importance of engaging and educating

staff members on waste and litter reduction along with conserving energy through a reduction of personal printers and space heaters.

During the ceremony Dr. Mike Carrigan, Chief Administrator, thanked the Green Certification Program and the Premier Green Team for their work on making the certification possible. He said the certification recognizes how important sustainability and reducing environmental impacts are to Premier Medical Group as a whole.

Premier Medical Group, which is the 137<sup>th</sup> organization to join the Green Certification Program, not only met the qualifications for certification, it actually certified at the gold level. The levels, bronze through platinum, are determined based on the number of sustainable practices implemented by an organization. To achieve gold during initial certification is a true statement of how important waste reduction and resource conservation are to Premier Medical Group and its staff.

Premier Medical Group can be found at 490 Dunlop Lane. It is the largest physician-owned and directed multi-specialty medical care facility in the Clarksville-Montgomery County area. It offers Pediatrics, Obstetrics and Gynecology, Family Medicine, Internal Medicine, Walk-In Clinics and more. For more information on Premier Medical Group visit them online at <http://premiermed.com>.



**Registration Now Open for Annual Banquet**  
*Banquet will be held virtually on September 28th*

The Green Certification Annual Banquet will be held on Tuesday, September 28th from noon to 1 p.m. The event will be virtual and there will be no cost to attend. In order to receive the event link and password you must register in advance. Please register at the link below.

The Banquet will include recognition of new and recertifying organizations along with the annual awards. We encourage organizations to considering hosting a viewing party lunch for staff so they can learn more about the Program and the organizations involved.

[Register Now](#)



**REMINDERS!**  
*Upcoming Deadlines*

Recertification materials are due August 1st. [Click here for details.](#)

Annual award nominations are due August 11th. All organizations are encouraged to apply. [Click here for the nomination form.](#)

UPCYCLE Challenge entry form is due September 21st. [Click here for the entry form and rules.](#) Don't forget ArtLink has space and materials available to organizations (see June's newsletter) for the Challenge.

And finally, the Program is still in need of award sponsors for the banquet. The sponsorship are \$100 each. If you would like to be a sponsor please [email Carlye.](#)



**Save the Date**  
*Second Solar Webinar*

Earlier this year, the Green Certification Program hosted a residential solar webinar with CDE, CEMC and local solar panel owners. The recording of that webinar is available [online.](#)

The first webinar was so well attended we have decided to host a second webinar, focused on the economics of residential solar, on August 24th at 6:30 p.m. Registration information will be available in August's newsletter.

**Did you know...**

Recently, TDEC's Division of Solid Waste Management **posted a short video** with a step-by-step guide on how to conduct a waste audit. The video is a great resource for anyone thinking of completing an audit. And remember if you aren't sure this is something you want to tackle alone, the Green Certification Program provides free waste audits to any organization.



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