

Sisters of Notre Dame of the United States Sustainability Goals



SND USA employees decided that they will embrace goals that reflect a partnership with the sisters to engage in sustainable lifestyle practices. As a result, each department developed a goal that is responsive to the chapter's goal of Adoption of Sustainable Lifestyles.

Facilities

- Focusing on the best use of the many buildings across the province, investing in a smaller fleet of hybrid cars.
- Toledo is recycling all they can and has installed motion sensors and updated lighting with more efficient fixtures.
- Housekeeping in Chardon is using recipes for cleaning solutions made from natural ingredients.
- Employees are reusing or repurposing materials. Their mantra: Repair when possible rather than buy new.
- In Chardon the team continues to be selective in how much of the grass is mowed.

Finance

- Toledo is emailing over printing. They have digitalized old records.
- In Chardon dual monitors are used to prevent the need to print. Documents are saved electronically.
- Employees in Covington are walking to work, using direct deposit, have gone paperless with utility bills, and are recycling plastic bags.
- In Thousand Oaks the finance team has decreased printing and is emailing over printing.

Food Service

- Food Service in Chardon is engaging in many practices such as,
- Electronic invoices
- Avoid using single-use plastic containers where possible
- Disposable containers are being replaced by compostables
- Using recycled equipment
- Orders for daily meals for the sisters are taken electronically



John Kutscher from Food Service in Chardon takes food scraps to feed his

Health Care

- Healthcare in Chardon moved to electronic communications to avoid paper waste.
- In Toledo, sound and acceptable ways to deal with medical waste is a priority.
- Thousand Oaks is using electronic Health Record which improves accessibility and collaboration with health care practitioners.

Human Resources

- By doing as much as possible electronically, HR is reducing paper usage.

Information Technology (IT)

- The IT department is helping employees and sisters to have one computer and moving files to the cloud which use less energy.



Julie Grazia from the Mission Advancement office helps the team with department recycling.

Mission Advancement

- SND USA Magazine is produced twice a year over three times per year.
- In Toledo, the team avoids using disposable items whenever possible for their events.
- Thousand Oaks is committed to composting and reducing water and electricity usage.
- The Chardon team shares educational materials related to sustainability practices at their monthly meetings.

National Sponsorship and Network Office (NSNO)

- NSNO is working to use less paper and use fewer disposable products for their events.