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RE: Hotel Amenities Recycling Program

To Whom It May Concern,

This letter is being submitted in support of the University of Notre Dame's 2014 STARS documentation for the innovation credit regarding the Hotel Amenities Program. This student-proposed program demonstrates how Notre Dame students are taking the initiative to partner with campus departments to further sustainability.

The Office of Sustainability and the Office of Public Affairs worked with an undergraduate student to create the Hotel Amenities Program. This program collects unused soap, shampoo and lotion from the campus hotel and donates it to the United Way. This program has continued for years after the student's graduation and has become practice at nine other hotels in the local area.

The program saved over 1400 pounds of waste from our landfill for the Notre Dame campus alone. The agencies that benefitted include the Food Bank of Northern Indiana, AIDS Ministries, Catholic Charities, Church Lady and Friends, Share Your Blessings and Southgate Food Pantry.

The University of Notre Dame's Hotel Amenities Recycling Program, in my opinion, meets the criteria expected for innovation credit.

Sincerely,
Linda Kurtos
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