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**HeartShare Receives National Grid Green Cinderella Grant for Energy Efficiency
Renovations to Residences for Children with Autism**

Who: National Grid and HeartShare Human Services of New York

What: HeartShare Human Services is receiving a Green Cinderella grant for \$20,000 from National Grid for recent energy-efficiency renovations to a new Children's Residential Program for children/adolescents diagnosed with autism spectrum disorders (ASD) located in Bensonhurst, Brooklyn.

The Children's Residential Program, which serves children ages 6 to 21, includes a separate girls' residence and boys' residence in the same building. It is the first residential program of this nature for HeartShare. The residents—seven boys and seven girls—attend The HeartShare School next door, which specializes in educating children with ASD. The renovations to the building, a former convent built in 1964, included new argon-filled low-E windows, insulated exterior doors with weather stripping, spray foam wall and ceiling insulation, a new energy-efficient gas boiler, energy-efficient lighting, low-flush toilets, and Energy Star air conditioners and appliances. In total, nearly \$400,000 in energy-efficiency improvements were completed.

National Grid and HeartShare have a long history of working together to support the Brooklyn community. National Grid's Green Cinderella program provides grants to projects that encourage energy efficiency and conservation and that showcase environmentally friendly energy technologies.

When: Friday, August 12, 2011 at 11:00 am

Where: HeartShare's Children's Residential Program, 131 Bay 19th St., Brooklyn, NY 11214

Scheduled to Attend:

Joe Rende, Vice President for Community and Customer Management, National Grid
William R. Guarinello, President & CEO, HeartShare Human Services of New York
Children who live in the residences

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About National Grid

[National Grid](#) is an international energy delivery company. In the U.S., National Grid delivers electricity to approximately 3.3 million customers in Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New York and Rhode Island, and manages the electricity network on Long Island under an agreement with the Long Island Power Authority (LIPA). It is the largest distributor of natural gas in the northeastern U.S., serving approximately 3.4 million customers in Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New York and Rhode Island. National Grid also owns over 4,000 megawatts of contracted electricity generation that provides power to over one million LIPA customers.

About HeartShare Human Services of New York

HeartShare's wide array of services assist individuals with autism spectrum disorders and other developmental disabilities through numerous programs including education services, adult day programs, residential services, case management, recreation programs, family support services, and health services. It also provides counseling, after-school programs and assistance with foster care and adoption for children and families, supports people affected by HIV/AIDS, and administers energy assistance programs. Celebrating its 97th year, HeartShare is proud that nearly 90% of all revenue goes directly to its programs and services. HeartShare is accredited by the Council on Accreditation of Services for Families and Children and is a BBB Accredited Charity. www.heartshare.org

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