

WIND FARM THE RESULT OF UNIQUE COLLABORATION

Gundersen Health System collaborated with an organic food organization on a unique renewable energy project. The health system partnered with Organic Valley, the nation's largest cooperative of organic farmers and a leading organic brand, to build the Cashton Greens Wind Farm. The two-turbine wind farm is generating nearly 5 megawatts of energy—enough electricity to power approximately 1,200 homes each year.

The collaboration between a healthcare system and organic food organization shows what innovative thinking can accomplish. The Cashton Greens Wind Farm is adjacent to the Organic Valley distribution center near Cashton, Wis. The power generated from the turbines is sent to the power grid and used by homes and businesses. Gundersen and Organic Valley are paid for the energy created, which helps to offset their energy costs.

The project represents about 13 percent of Gundersen's renewable energy production. The wind turbines were up and running in May 2012.

The Cashton Greens Wind Farm is one of two wind projects with which Gundersen is involved. The health system also built a two-turbine wind farm just north of Lewiston, Minn., that is generating nearly 5 megawatts of energy.

The Cashton wind project is just a small piece of Gundersen's plan to lower energy costs and lead the healthcare industry in environmental stewardship through their Envision® program.

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