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YMCA of the Northwoods Receives Energy Efficiency Award

RHINELANDER – YMCA of the Northwoods in Rhinelander has received a 2017 Excellence in Energy Efficiency Award from Wisconsin’s Focus on Energy program.

With support and guidance from Focus on Energy, Wisconsin Public Service and other trade allies, the YMCA upgraded its pool dehumidifier system and the lighting in its pool and gym areas with energy efficient equipment. This commitment to energy efficiency placed it among 15 diverse recipients that received the statewide recognition.

The upgrades to the 55,000 square foot facility built in 2004 will save energy and money for the YMCA.

“When I was informed about the repairs and upgrades that were necessary to keep our facility operating properly I was very concerned about the cost involved,” said Toni Jaskowiak, YMCA of the Northwoods Chief Financial Officer and Interim Chief Executive Officer. “With the assistance of Focus on Energy we were able to bring our facility up to today’s standards of efficiency. The incentive program definitely was a success for our YMCA.”

The YMCA of the Northwoods received \$25,088 in incentives for the projects completed over the past year by Complete Control of Wisconsin Rapids. Focus on Energy is a statewide energy efficiency and renewable energy program funded by participating Wisconsin utilities.

After hearing of the YMCA’s need for new lighting and pool equipment, Dave Nyquist, a Focus on Energy trade ally with Franklin Energy, helped secure the incentives. The new equipment generates an annual savings of \$32,000 in energy costs, and an estimated savings in the first year of 54.39 kilowatts, 196,006 kilowatt hours and 34,424 therms.

Pictured at the June 27 awards presentation (left to right) is: Toni Jaskowiak, YMCA of the Northwoods Chief Financial Officer and Interim Chief Executive Officer; Eric Borchardt, Complete Control of Wisconsin Rapids; Shane Sparks, YMCA of the Northwoods Board President; Dave Nyquist, Franklin Energy’s Focus on Energy trade ally; Jolene Sheil, Public Service Commission.

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A list of all 2017 Excellence in Energy Efficiency Award recipients is available [here](#).

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