

**The Patrician Senior Living**  
**4025 Pulitzer Pl**  
**San Diego, CA 92122**

The Patrician is a 136-unit, multi-family senior complex managed by Emma Lea Moorman, and Recycle Program Director Edgar Gallardo, along with instrumental support of volunteer residents; Peg Cully, Irene Irquhart and Tina McCarthy.

Since receiving technical assistance from the City of San Diego in September of 2010, The Patrician went above and beyond to ensure their staff and residents were informed of the recycling program and its requirements.

Well marked recycling containers were placed in trash chute rooms, and paired with trash containers in the common areas for the residents' convenience, such as lobby, front desk, exercise room, library, staff office, garage, and maintenance staff carts.

Mr. Gallardo created very effective signs for the chute rooms which have also been used as a template at many other properties. Recycling information has been posted on bulletin boards throughout the complex.

Resident and associate involvement has been fundamental to the success of the recycling program. The topic of waste and recycling is discussed on a regular basis by residents' council. Volunteer residents regularly monitor trash and recycling areas, making sure they are kept clean and all items are properly disposed of.

Housekeeping staff collects trash and recyclables from multiple locations and disposes of them into the central dumpster for pick up. In addition, The Patrician has transitioned "to go" meal packaging from Styrofoam to reusable plastic containers, and Styrofoam cups to paper cups. In a year period, this represents 12,775 meal containers and over 50,000 Styrofoam cups that will not be going to the landfill.

The results are impressive . . . The Patrician has reduced trash pick up from 6 to 3 days per week, and also increased recycling service from two to three weekly pick-ups, saving approximately 30% per year on waste hauling costs.



*Tina and Emma accepting the award.*

