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A NEWSLETTER FOR JAVITS CENTER CUSTOMERS



Employees Celebrate Earth Day!

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In April, 10 employees celebrated Earth Day this year with a visit to our green roof and a lesson in beekeeping from some of our in-house experts! The lucky employees were the first to correctly answer what kind of plant makes up the green roof – (sedum, in case you didn't know) and they won the chance to explore our rooftop bee hives that have produced our very own Jacob's Honey.

"I joined the Javits Center last fall, and this is my first visit to the roof," said Administrative Coordinator Kelly Corkery. "It's absolutely mind blowing what's up here!"

There are now five bee hives atop our green roof, and the bees were brought in to assist in the pollination of the roof's sedum. Bees from our hives also impacted plants within a 5-mile radius, including the High Line, Hudson River Park and community gardens such as Alice's on West 34th Street.

"It's been fascinating to learn about the bees and be part of an organization committed to environmental issues," said Accounts Payable Manager Maggie Roman.

Of course, the bees are just one of many sustainable initiatives we have implemented in recent years, including a high-efficiency, glass-encased façade and a cutting-edge energy dashboard that allows us to monitor consumption levels for electric, gas and water. These practices not only conserve energy, but also set the industry standard, which is why we were awarded LEED Silver Certification.

“It’s great to be part of an organization that cares about the community and is proactive in doing its part to care for this Earth that we live on,” said License Coordinator Ireyna Gonzalez.

