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Free Warm Winters



Winter weather has officially arrived, in all it's sub-zero, blustery glory.

In order to help you stave off the frostbite, **Gabriel is happy to send you your very own [FREE](#) coffee mug!**

Gabriel wishes you and your family a safe and happy new year!

Gabriel Gives Back

As a small business operating in Chicago for more than 35 years, Gabriel understands the importance of investing in and supporting our local communities.



In November, Gabriel sponsored the Give-A-Little Gala for the [Chicago Jesuit Academy](#), a full-scholarship, college preparatory middle school for young men from modest economic backgrounds. The Gala was held at the Chicago History Museum and raised more than \$100,000 for the Academy Associates Scholarship Fund.

For the holiday season, Gabriel and their employees provided Christmas gifts for children through the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) and Chicago Jesuit Academy. For every child that a Gabriel employee or friend adopted through the Christmas program, Gabriel agreed to match that child with another. All together Gabriel provided 130 children with gifts this holiday season.

Gabriel would like to thank all our employees, friends, and family who donated what time, money, and wrapping skills to help make these kids' holidays brighter! A special thank you to Sarah Polich for once again doing a fantastic job



Perfect for keeping tea, coffee, or hot chocolate warm on these frigid days, using a reusable mug reduces your impact on the environment by refraining from one-use cups.

So what are you waiting for? Email [Sarah Polich](mailto:Sarah.Polich) for your FREE mug today!

Environmental Links

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Holiday Eco-Tips



Looking to save money and be environmentally friendly this year? Look for some tips on the list below:

* Do away with paper holiday napkins and plates. Most of these are only used once before being thrown away. Instead, invest in reusable cloth napkins and porcelain plates.

* Consider walking to any stores that are less than a mile away. You'll save yourself the hassle of traffic and fighting for a parking spot, and you'll

coordinating all 130 kids!

Illinois to Offer Energy Star Appliances Rebate

The US Department of Energy began to make funds available to states for the Appliance Stimulus Rebate effort, also known as the "[Cash for Appliances](#)" program. This rebate program, which is a part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, is aimed at promoting the use of more energy efficient appliances while also hoping to provide a jump start to appliance sales.

The total budget for the project nationwide is \$300 million, with Illinois allotted more than [\\$12 million](#) of those funds, and is expected to begin the program in January 2010.

The [Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity](#) (DCEO) announced they will use these funds to offer rebates on heating and cooling equipment starting this winter. DCEO also hopes to offer a brief appliance rebate campaign this spring offering rebates through retailers of 10-15% on Energy Star goods such as refrigerators, air conditioners, and dishwashers, plus an **additional rebate of \$50-100 if the old appliance is turned in for recycling.**



To see what rebates are available in your area, [visit the Energy Star website](#) today.

EPA Announces GHGs Are Hazardous to Health

The USEPA released a statement December 7th announcing that Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emissions are harmful to the public health and welfare of the American people.

EPA's final findings respond to the 2007 U.S. Supreme Court decision that GHGs fit within the Clean Air Act definition of air pollutants. The findings do not in and of themselves impose any emission reduction requirements but rather allow EPA to finalize the GHG standards proposed earlier this year for new light-duty vehicles as part of the joint rulemaking with the Department of Transportation.

The findings were initially released in April 2009, but held open for comments. After reading through more than 380,000 comments on the issue, the [USEPA released their final findings on December 7th.](#)

EPA Administrator Lisa Jackson stated, "These long-overdue findings cement 2009's place in history as the year when the United States government began addressing the challenge of greenhouse-gas pollution and seizing the opportunity of clean-energy reform."

This announcement comes on the heels of a ruling published in the [Federal Register October 30th](#), which mandates the reporting of GHG emissions by all suppliers of fossil fuels or industrial greenhouse gases, manufacturers of vehicles and engines, and facilities that emit

be getting your body moving - something nearly everyone tends to do less of in the winter.

*When purchasing holiday lights, be sure to buy LED lights. They cost a little more, but last 80%-90% longer and use less energy!

* Find ways to use old holiday items in new ways to save money. Cut up old wrapping paper, maps, catalogs, and last year's holiday cards, and use them as gift tags, name plates, or even make your own holiday cards with them.

25,000 metric tons or more per year of GHG emissions.

Gabriel Hosts LEED Council Forum

Early this month, Gabriel hosted a Energy Efficiency Forum for a standing room only crowd.



**LEED
COUNCIL**

A group of over 25 Local Economic and Employment Development (LEED) Council Members, business owners, architects, and community members gathered at Gabriel to discuss various strategies to improve energy efficiency.

Jim McNally of McNally Industries, Brian Linenhan of Delphi Energy, Erinn Monroe of Commonwealth Edison, and Gabriel's own John Polich all spoke about various strategies their companies are working on to use less energy and improve the efficiency of their energy usage.

Gabriel and the LEED Council thank everyone who attended and presented at the forum. If you are interested in the presentations, the LEED Council will be making them available in their next [E-Newsletter](#). If you are interested in learning more about the forum, please contact [John Polich](#) at 773-486-2123.



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