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## **Susquehanna Association for the Blind and Vision Impaired Earns Green Seal Designation**

LANCASTER, Pa. February 14, 2011 — Susquehanna Association for the Blind and Vision Impaired (SABVI) is pleased to announce it has received recognition for its efforts to be a “green” organization. Green Seal, a premier Washington, D.C. based non-profit ecolabel recently named SABVI its first *Green Facilities Partner*.

"SABVI is proud to become Green Seal's first ever Green Seal Green Facilities Partner. Over the past year we have worked with Green Seal and their auditors to discover our strengths and areas for improvement in both our carbon footprint and the sustainability of our building's cleaning and maintenance practices," said Tim Kruger, SABVI operations manager.

"The resulting plan will make our building not only more environmentally friendly, but also much more energy efficient, which of course saves us money which can be better spent funding services for our ever increasing amount of clients," Kruger said. SABVI's efforts to achieve the Green Seal designation were funded by a grant from the Lancaster Chamber of Commerce.

To become a Green Facilities Partner, SABVI worked with Green Seal to develop a facilities operations and maintenance action plan relating to reduced energy use, using less toxic cleaning and other products and increased recycling and waste reduction.

This plan includes specific activities with deadlines over the next year. The Green Facilities Partnership requires quarterly monitoring and reporting and an annual end of year review for continued Partner status.

### **About Green Seal**

Founded in 1989, Green Seal is an independent, non-profit organization that uses science-based programs to empower consumers, purchasers and companies to create a more sustainable world. For more information visit [greenseal.org](http://greenseal.org).

### **About Susquehanna Association for the Blind and Vision Impaired (SABVI)**

SABVI serves more than 2000 individuals who are blind or vision impaired in Lancaster, Lebanon, Somerset, Berks and Philadelphia Counties through a variety of programs including early childhood education, rehabilitation services, employment training, and industrial/manufacturing services. SABVI also houses the Steinman Eye Clinic, providing diagnostic eye care services at a need-based minimal charge. Susquehanna Foundation for the Blind is the fundraising arm of SABVI. For more information visit [sabvi.com](http://sabvi.com).

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