

ASHRAE Community Sustainability Project

Energy 4 Kids

Hampton Roads Chapter ASHRAE /International Facility Managers Association (IFMA)



"Rather than raise money to make a one-time contribution, we wanted to come up with a way to make a long-term improvement. This fundraiser allows us to purchase energy efficient, state-of-the-art equipment that will lower the operating costs at facilities used to help children." –

Gary Hayden, former Hampton Roads Chapter president

Additional Information

www.hamptonroads.ashraechapters.org

www.ashrae.org/community

<http://hrcashrae.blogspot.com/>

Project Description

Since 2008, the Hampton Roads Chapters of ASHRAE and IFMA have taken the concept of "energy hogs" to a new level. The two groups host an annual pig roast to raise funds for their joint Community Sustainability Project, Energy for Kids (E4K). The money is used to help local charities lower the costs associated with heating, cooling and making domestic hot water for their facilities. Beneficiaries have included St. Mary's Home for Disabled Children, which received a solar hot water system to supplement the hot facility's hot water requirements; For Kids, a local organization dedicated to breaking the cycle of homelessness for children and families; Habitat for Humanity; and a local YWCA.

ASHRAE's Community Sustainability Project program is designed to share the engineering knowledge of our members to improve the world around them. The program was launched as part of the presidential theme, "Broadening ASHRAE's Horizons," of 2012-13 President Thomas E. Watson, P.E., Fellow ASHRAE, Life Member