

## Community Leaders Presented With Service Awards At Eden Dreams Gala



Eden CEO Tom McCool (center) with Tony Kuczinski (left), President of Munich Reinsurance America, Eden's 2012 Guardian Award Recipient, and Jerry Fennelly (right), Eden's 2012 Visionary Award Recipient.

This past January, Eden held its 24th annual Eden Dreams white-tie dinner gala at the Hyatt Regency Princeton. The event featured the presentation of the *Friends of Eden Award* to longtime Eden supporters Munich Re, recipient of the *2012 Guardian*

*Award*, and Gerard J. Fennelly of NAI Fennelly, recipient of the *2012 Visionary Award*. The *Friends of Eden Award* is presented to organizations or individuals who have demonstrated extraordinary philanthropic and/or volunteer support for Eden's mission.

Eden Board Chair at the time, Jason Frede called Jerry Fennelly a "social entrepreneur long before the word showed up on Wikipedia." He continued to state that, "for nearly three decades Jerry has been an outstanding friend to Eden and many other service organizations in Mercer County. Without Jerry's vision of our Eden Autism 5K and what one person can do to inspire an entire community on behalf of virtual strangers, Eden would not have realized hundreds of thousands of dollars that have gone directly to support its children, adults, and their families."

Calling Munich Re a worldwide leader in reinsurance, Frede remarked that Munich Re exemplifies the phrase 'corporate citizen.' "From the highest level of executive management to their college interns, the Munich Re family has given time, talent, and resources to Eden for more than twenty years. Having witnessed the employees in action, I can tell you that their labors have been from the heart." **E**

## A Little Help From Our Friends



Our friends at Princeton Air installing new HVAC units at Clayton Center.

This past summer Eden replaced its four HVAC units in Clayton Center (one of Eden's adult employment centers) by leveraging The Direct Install Program through NJ's Clean Energy Program. Brought to Eden's attention by longtime

friend and Eden supporter Scott Needham, president of Princeton Air, the Direct Install Program has now helped assure Eden's staff and participants work in comfort.

The heating/cooling and lighting equipment at Clayton Center was in poor working order; however, the cost to replace the equipment was beyond what Eden could afford, until now. Through the Direct Install Program, all of Eden's HVAC equipment and all of the interior lighting was able to be upgraded to the latest state-of-the-art ultra efficient equipment. The project was completed by Princeton Air and its partner Tri-State Light & Energy. 70% of the cost was covered through NJ's Clean Energy Program.

Direct Install offers a streamlined process to energy efficiency for owners of

small to mid-size buildings with a monthly peak of 150kW or less. The 70% discount in combination with the energy savings will allow Eden a three year payback, as well as enhanced comfort, increased indoor air quality, a hedge against future energy price increases, plus peace of mind.

"It's not too often that the right mixture of need and opportunity presents itself," says Needham. "This was certainly the case when Eden and the Direct Install program formed an alliance. When our company became involved in the DI program the first client we thought of was Eden. It was a real challenge trying to keep their systems up and running under such tight budget constraints. When you see all the good things they do with their participants you really want them to be able to conduct their work in the best possible environment." **E**