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Wesley Family Services New Kensington Location Receives Grant for Solar Panel Installation

The Solar Panels Will be Added to Wesley Family Service's Pioneer Building

NEW KENSINGTON, PA- Wesley Family Services is excited to announce that they have received a grant award from the West Penn Power Sustainable Energy Fund (WPPSEF) to co-fund the installation of a solar panel array for their Pioneer location at 1045 4th Ave in New Kensington. Wesley Family Services provides a variety of behavioral health services, a drop-in center, and affordable housing to the community out of this location.

Completed in 2020, Wesley Family Services wanted to generate affordable housing for the community, create a new and sustainable set of offices for staff, and be a part of the economic development in New Kensington. Designed to be solar ready, Pioneer exemplifies Wesley Family Services commitment to energy conservation, as the building is both LEED Gold Certified and meets Passive House standards. Adding a solar array to Pioneer is the culmination of this project and will provide the building with a clean source of locally produced energy.

"We are thankful to have received the support of WPPSEF to help cover the cost and installation of these new solar panels. We not only believe in providing transformational care to those we treat but to the communities we support as well. This solar panel system will help our New Kensington location realize its initial vision of being energy independent and help the surrounding community," said Doug Muetzel, CEO of Wesley Family Services.

"We applaud Wesley Family Services for building their Pioneer location to Passive House and LEED construction standards which will produce a more comfortable building and a building that has lower utility bills. Once the energy efficiency goals were met, WPPSEF provided some additional funding to support the installation of solar PV to produce on-site electric production. Wesley Family Services approach of addressing energy efficiency first followed by on-site electric production is the preferred pathway of building tomorrow's building today", said Joel Morrison, WPPSEF Fund Administrator.

About Wesley Family Services

Wesley Family Services (WFS) is a 501(c)(3) organization that provides a diverse range of quality services to more than 20,000 individuals throughout Western Pennsylvania annually. WFS is a multi-system

organization with a long history of providing Behavioral Health, Education, Juvenile Justice, Foster Care, Autism, Older Adult and Intellectual and Developmental Disability Services. Wesley Family Services' mission is to empower children, adults, and families by providing transformational care throughout their lifespan. Learn more at: www.wfspace.org.

About West Penn Power Sustainable Energy Fund

The **West Penn Power Sustainable Energy Fund (WPPSEF)** is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that invests in the deployment of sustainable energy technologies that benefit West Penn Power ratepayers in Pennsylvania. WPPSEF investments are focused in three broad categories:

- ✓ Deployment of sustainable and clean energy technologies;
- ✓ Deployment of energy efficiency and conservation technologies; and
- ✓ Facilitating economic development, environmental betterment, and public education as they relate to sustainable energy deployment in the WPP service region.

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