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Lutheran Home at Kane Receives Grant from West Penn Power Sustainable Energy Fund to Support Sustainable Energy Technologies and Energy Efficiency

Kane, Pennsylvania – September 28, 2023 – The Lutheran Home at Kane, a non-profit Continuum of Care Retirement Community in rural McKean County, has received a \$100,000 grant from the West Penn Power Sustainable Energy Fund (WPPSEF) which will be utilized to co-fund the design and installation of a cloud-based centralized HVAC control system. This centralized system will reduce electric use and improve the building comfort for its residents and staff. In addition, the monies from the grant will be utilized to retain Envinity to provide technical clean energy guidance for the planned 10,700 square foot building expansion project scheduled to begin late this fall.

The installation of a cloud based HVAC system is the result of a comprehensive, diagnostic energy audit and ventilation review conducted at the Lutheran Home at Kane facility in late April by Envinity Commercial Energy Services of State College. The resulting report assessed the facility's energy consumption and identified ways to increase energy efficiency, decrease cost, and reduce the building's carbon footprint.

This grant comes at an ideal time for The Lutheran Home as they are in the initial stages of a new building expansion and renovation project aimed to expand services and modernize the facility to meet the growing needs of the aging and disabled population well into the future. The 10,700 square foot addition includes the addition of a new all private room Alzheimer's Dementia Unit, a new energy efficient kitchen, a café, an all private room short term rehabilitation suite, an enclosed secure courtyard, offices, and storage space.

The Lutheran Home at Kane's strategic plan emphasizes the importance of the deployment and promotion of sustainable energy technologies and energy efficiency to positively impact the health and well-being of residents, staff, visitors, and the planet. As the third largest employer in the Kane Borough, the Lutheran Home at Kane presents a unique opportunity for staff to learn about clean energy and energy efficiency while on the job, in a way that can help them decrease energy consumption and lower energy bills while at home.

"As a 24/7 facility, our energy consumption is very large. We want to be a pioneer for all senior living facilities for energy efficiency and lead the way for reducing our carbon footprint while saving our financial resources. I can't thank the West Penn Power Sustainable Energy Fund enough for believing in The Lutheran Home at Kane and providing us with this valuable grant", stated Charlotte Floravit, LHK's Chief Executive Officer.

About West Penn Power Sustainable Energy Fund (WPPSEF)

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.

Visit <http://www.wppsef.org> for further information. [YouTube](#) – Listen to what our project partners have to say about us.

About The Lutheran Home at Kane:

The Lutheran Home at Kane (LHK) is a **501(c)(3)** non-profit social ministry that serves our rural region's most vulnerable residents – the elderly, sick and recovering – with quality and compassionate care for over 55 years. LHK has achieved the designation of a Continuum of Care Retirement Community (CCRC) – spanning services from retirement to end of life. LHK's facilities include a 90-bed skilled nursing home, a 33-bed personal care facility and six independent-living cottages, located on a 25-acre forested plot of land in rural McKean County, surrounded by the Allegheny National Forest.

The Lutheran Home is the third largest employer in Kane, Pennsylvania, employing over 130 people. The level of care at LHK is such that the organization consistently maintains a 4/5-star rating by the Center for Medicare and Medicaid. Visit <http://www.lutheranhomekane.org> for more information.