



Sun Shines Bright on St. Luke's Lifeworks
Leading Provider of Services to the Homeless Installs Solar Panels on Roof of Shelter

STAMFORD, CT (March 23, 2011) – St. Luke's Lifeworks (SLLW) has led the way for non-profit organizations in Connecticut and beyond to reap the benefits of solar energy by partnering with Soltage, LLC to build a solar energy system on the roof its main campus in the heart of Stamford.

SLLW and Soltage will officially launch the project, which has been completed and is operational, on Wednesday, March 23rd at 12:30 pm with a reception at the Center for Children and their Families at 141 Franklin Street in Stamford, featuring brief remarks by Stamford Mayor Mike Pavia and Congressman Jim Himes. The building is home to SLLW's family shelter and transitional housing program, education & employment program, youth services program, and administrative offices. It is also home to 13 other non-profit organizations that serve the extreme-low-income population.

Built, financed, owned and operated by Soltage LLC, the partnership demonstrates how a non-profit organization, private enterprise and government-sponsored program can align to achieve common goals for the good of a community. The Connecticut Clean Energy Fund contributed \$576,916 to the capital costs and to purchase the renewable energy certificates the system generates. Soltage, LLC will own and operate the system for 15 years, enabling SLLW to purchase electricity at a 17% discount. After 15 years, SLLW will likely own the system.

"Even through this harsh winter, the solar installation has been operating as we had hoped," said Jason Shaplen, Chief Executive Officer of St. Luke's LifeWorks. "It's a win-win situation for us. We're able to go green and help preserve the environment. We also pay less for electricity, allowing us to put the money we save towards our mission to help people move from the streets to health, jobs, and homes."

"This solar energy project is fantastic," said Congressman Jim Himes. "It leverages public and private funds and clean energy to contribute to the ongoing success of a key community organization. I hope to see more of this take off in Connecticut/Stamford."

The system – comprised of high-tech 488 solar panels – will provide approximately 162,000 kilowatt hours of electricity each year and reduce CO2 emissions by more than 150,000 pounds (equivalent to 12,000 gallons of gasoline) each year. "St. Luke's LifeWorks touches the lives of countless community members," said Jesse Grossman, Chief Executive Officer of Soltage. "We're honored to provide them one more source of measurable impact that contributes to more sustainable energy for the entire community."

"In this tough economy, St. Luke's LifeWorks is achieving lasting economic benefits that, due to their nonprofit status, can be 50-60% greater by working under our solar services model than if they bought the system themselves" said Vanessa Stewart, Chief Operating Officer of Soltage.

The reduced electricity costs will directly contribute to SLLW's ability to help break the cycle of homelessness by helping people achieve – and maintain – permanent housing and stability in their lives. In addition, this cutting-edge initiative exemplifies SLLW's commitment to being a results-oriented and cost-effective organization.

About St. Luke's LifeWorks

St. Luke's LifeWorks is one of the largest providers of services to the homeless in the state of Connecticut and the largest in lower Fairfield County. It provides emergency shelter, transitional housing and permanent supportive housing to approximately 240 people each night. Additionally, it provides education & employment services, youth services and access to a vast array of other services such medical and dental care, in-patient substance abuse treatment, psychiatric care etc. through a network of formal, strategic partnerships.

About Soltage

Soltage, LLC is a full service, renewable energy company that develops, finances, builds and operates solar energy stations on client sites across the United States. Using proven technology for on-site generation of photovoltaic electrical energy, Soltage can supply a significant portion of a client's long-term energy needs at a stabilized cost well below retail rates for the term of a power purchase agreement. The company is privately owned. For more information about Soltage, visit www.soltage.com