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Women In Need Gets Ready to Open New LEED Certified Shelter With The Support of West Penn Power Sustainable Energy Fund

Greensburg, PA – December 22, 2015 -- **Women In Need** (WIN) has received their final occupancy permit and is getting ready to move into a new 11,070 square foot shelter with the support of a grant from the West Penn Power Sustainable Energy Fund (WPPSEF). The shelter was designed to meet LEED standards. LEED, or Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design, is a green building certification program that recognizes best-in-class building strategies and practices. According to the U.S. Green Building Council, LEED certified buildings save money and resources and have a positive impact on the health of occupants, while promoting renewable, clean energy. The grant, in the amount of \$100,000 will be used to co-fund up to 50% of the acquisition and installation of four (4) ENE24 evacuated tube solar thermal panels for hot water production, a heat recovery ventilator, and a variable refrigeration volume (VRV) heating/ cooling system. This new building will help shelter victims of domestic violence and provide space for WIN's administration staff.

“West Penn Power Sustainable Energy Fund is proud to move forward with this project that provides a more healthy, safe and energy efficient environment for the new shelter so that WIN can expand and carry out their mission,” according to Joel Morrison, Director, West Penn Power Sustainable Energy Fund

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- ✓ 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.

Women In Need has been working with victims of domestic violence and sexual assault in the Franklin and Fulton County Areas of Pennsylvania since 1976. Women In Need is a 501(c)(3) private, non-profit organization working within the community to obtain safety for victims of violence. All of the services are free and confidential to victims of domestic and sexual violence and to the significant others of victims. WIN serves approximately 1700 victims/significant others per year. Visit <http://www.winservices.org> for more information.