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**West Penn Power Sustainable Energy Fund Awards
Energy Efficiency Grant To Shop Demo Depot**

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Mt. Pleasant, PA – Shop Demo Depot (SDD) announced that the West Penn Power Sustainable Energy Fund (WPPSEF) has approved a \$23,312 grant to assist with the installation of 25 new DayStar Natural Lighting Systems in its Mt. Pleasant location. Installation will begin in May 2015. The WPPSEF grant will cover the costs of the product and installation for the retail store.

With a commitment to being eco-friendly by diverting useful items to a landfill, Shop Demo Depot, a social enterprise of Westmoreland Community Action, has taken its mission another step by conserving electricity with the DayStar Natural Lighting Systems; a skylight that diffuses natural light for energy efficiency and conservation.

“The WPPSEF is pleased to co-fund the installation of the DayStar natural daylighting system at SDD. These systems will improve the lighting at SDD while reducing their operating costs. A better shopping experience coupled with lower energy usage is a win-win situation for everyone” said Joel Morrison, WPPSEF Director.

“With the help of WPPSEF we are able to more positively impact the environment and continue being an example of a leader in sustainability in the communities we serve,” said Tay Waltenbaugh, Chief Executive Officer of Westmoreland Community Action. “The DayStar Natural Lighting System will provide us with what we need but with the greener footprint. This idea of sustainable living is what we are passionate about and we encourage others to participate with us.”

Shop Demo Depot, located on 5.5 acres of a former lumber company property in Mt. Pleasant, PA, was established in 2010, but opened its doors to the public in April 2012. It is a 501(3)c nonprofit organization, serving as a social enterprise for Westmoreland Community Action. Our mission is:

To reduce landfill waste and promote the resale and reuse of goods, while financially supporting Community Action initiatives that help those in need.

For more information visit ShopDemoDepot.org.

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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