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NEW VISION LAUNCHES RENEWABLE ENERGY TRAINING AT COMMUNITY LEVEL

February 15, 2012 - Philippi, WV – **New Vision Renewable Energy** announced the first monthly training session a success after the 3-day event came to a close last weekend. Several organizations joined New Vision for the training including Almost Heaven Habitat for Humanity, the largest chapter of Habitat for Humanity in the state of West Virginia. As a participant in New Vision Training, community team members learn how to become knowledgeable with the concepts and principles of renewable energy systems and instructed and assisted on how to build and install an electrical and/or hot water solar system for their home or community facility. Michelle Connor, Chief Executive Officer of Almost Heaven Habitat for Humanity, exclaimed, “We came to New Vision with some ideas of what we wanted to do, but we left with a concrete plan for two projects— two 214 watt solar systems—and some new relationships!”

Team training for communities around the country was designed to equip communities with the knowledge and encouragement needed to take action and begin to move from conversations about green energy to actual fabrication and installation. Ruston Seaman, Executive Director of New Vision, proclaimed, “I have always been a believer in show and tell. Seeing is a powerful conduit to believing. By hosting the training in our community and allowing folks to meet and learn from families that are involved here in Philippi, I can tell the practical side of what we are doing began to make real sense to those who had traveled from Texas, Michigan and Southern West Virginia. It was a wonderful weekend to share everything we could think of that a group would need to know or where they would need to go to be successful.”

The final sessions of the training were designed around the spiritual values and faith of the group that has launched New Vision. It was while sharing the impact of the weekend training that we heard Courtney Welch, Director of Student Ministries at First Baptist Church in Yoakum, Texas proclaim "You know I feel like I am a part of a Bible story and our using renewable energy is a great tool for spreading God's love all over the world." Her statement reflects the community building and caring for the well being of others that New Vision would like to extend. Mr. Seaman added, “We all feel like the renewable resources come from God, our ability to harness the technology is our part, and we are thankful to our technical team lead by John Prusa for their capacity to share this work with folks across our country. We finished the weekend with high hopes for all that will happen as we continue to grow and establish successful communities around the country.” The technical team is comprised of Dave Hanna, Onsite Training Director, Frank Yarosh and John Prusa. For more information about the program, contact the Training Coordinator, Donna Seaman at 304.457.2971 or email DSeaman@NVRE.org.

ABOUT NEW VISION:

New Vision Renewable Energy was launched in Philippi, West Virginia in 2009 and is growing as a grassroots community-based organization working to ReEnergize Communities to implement renewable energy solutions in their own neighborhoods. New Vision is an educational and innovation movement focusing on applicable technologies within the emerging “green” economy and serve as a hub of collaborative discussion, training and invention bringing together green innovators, community leaders, youth, companies, organizations as well as public and private partners. On Earth Day, April 22nd, 2010, the group completed its first community manufactured solar energy system at the Peoples Chapel Church in the Chestnut Ridge community of Barbour County, West Virginia. Visit www.NVRE.org or find us on Facebook for more details. For more information, contact Pamela O'Brien at POBrien@NVRE.org.

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