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**Mayor Tom Barrett Visits Milwaukee Senior Living Center to Celebrate Grand Opening and Completion of Renewable Energy Systems**

*- Solar domestic hot water and solar electric systems part of Milwaukee facility's recent redevelopment -*

**MILWAUKEE (May 15, 2007)** – As part of a recent redevelopment, Focus on Energy worked with developer Gorman & Company and the Milwaukee Urban League to incorporate renewable energy into a new Metcalfe Park Neighborhood senior living center. The Dr. Wesley L. Scott Senior Living Center couples historic renovation with new construction to provide 80 senior apartments, all of which benefit from a solar domestic hot water and solar electric system.

The center held a grand opening ceremony on Friday, May 11, 2007 to announce the facility's completion and to celebrate its endeavor toward energy independence. Attendees were able to tour the center, including the solar panels. Mayor Barrett spoke at the event and expressed his support of the facility's contribution toward meeting the state's renewable energy goals.

"The Dr. Wesley L. Scott Senior Living Center is a shining example of how using renewable energy systems can reduce utility bills while keeping our air and water cleaner for future generations," said Don Wichert, program director for Focus on Energy's Renewable Energy Program. "Focus on Energy offers Wisconsin residents and businesses the technical and financial assistance they need to implement renewable energy. It is our hope other organizations will see the center's achievements and realize planning, financing and installing renewable energy systems is an attainable goal."

The installation of the 11.65 kilowatt (kW) solar electric system and the 14-panel solar domestic hot water system will cut the facility's natural gas consumption by 17 percent and produce an estimated 14,475 kWh per year, shielding it from increases in energy costs and helping the center gain energy independence. The system will also offset 23.3 tons of carbon per year. The completion of renewable energy systems is due in part to technical assistance and a \$45,000 Cash-Back Reward from Focus on Energy, Wisconsin's energy efficiency and renewable energy initiative.

By supporting Wisconsin's renewable energy marketplace, Focus on Energy has made the sun, wind, water and organic materials a bigger part of Wisconsin's energy mix and has helped ensure that Wisconsin's residents and businesses have reliable and affordable sources of energy. For more information about the Renewable Energy Program, call Focus on Energy at (800) 762-7077 or visit [focusonenergy.com](http://focusonenergy.com).

**About the Focus on Energy Renewable Energy Program**

Focus on Energy works with eligible Wisconsin residents and businesses to install cost effective energy efficiency and renewable energy projects. Focus on Energy's Renewable Energy Program seeks to raise awareness, provide training and financing, enhance marketing, promote technical assistance and support the installation of renewable energy technologies across Wisconsin. For more information call (800) 762-7077 or visit [focusonenergy.com](http://focusonenergy.com).

**About Focus on Energy**

Focus on Energy works with eligible Wisconsin residents and businesses to install cost effective energy efficiency and renewable energy projects. Focus information, resources and financial incentives help to implement projects that otherwise would not get completed, or to complete projects sooner than scheduled. Its efforts help Wisconsin residents and businesses manage rising energy costs, promote in-state economic development, protect our environment and control the state's growing demand for electricity and natural gas. For more information call (800) 762-7077 or visit [focusonenergy.com](http://focusonenergy.com).

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