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Alvin Hollis and Crossroads for Kids Partner to “Go Green” for a Good Cause

Duxbury Mass- Weymouth-based energy company Alvin Hollis has partnered with local youth organization; Crossroads for Kids, to harness the power of solar energy at their Camp Wing residential camp site in Duxbury, helping the non-profit operate more efficiently, while educating at-risk youth about the possibilities of green energy.

We are always looking for ways to implement efficiencies in our programs and to teach the over 1000 kids and teens we serve each year in our summer camp and school year programs, how they can contribute to making the world a better place,” says Deb Samuels, Executive Director of Crossroads for Kids. “Harnessing the power of the sun during the fun of summer camp made perfect sense to us.”

Len Bicknell, President of Alvin Hollis, longtime Crossroads for Kids supporter, and solar power expert stepped up to the plate to help Crossroads for Kids explore how to incorporate solar power into their current heating and electric system.

“We have been encouraging greater use of solar energy for the past 30 years, and we are thrilled to be able to work with Crossroads for Kids to make this transition to solar energy,” says Bicknell,

After touring a sample of Alvin Hollis’ residential solar installations and reviewing the incredible benefits of the now complete solar water heating installation at the Camelot Apartments in South Weymouth which provides hot water to over 65 units, Crossroads for Kids and Alvin Hollis partnered to install a 4-panel solar water heating system on Crossroads’ Camp Wing senior boys wash-house. The wash house provides hot showers for over 80 kids and staff each day, with water had been historically heated by propane.

Despite the rainy start to the summer, Crossroads has already realized significant savings in propane through the solar energy installation. In addition to the practical benefits, the solar panels are “super cool” and the kids are excited to learn more about how sustainable energy can be a part of their lives in the future.

“Sometimes the showers were cold in the past, but this summer my showers are always hot” says Qante, a camper at Camp Wing who uses the wash house every day “They also look really cool!”

“Alvin Hollis has been a great local supporter of Crossroads for Kids for many years, and we can’t thank Len enough for his support of this new “green” initiative at our Camp Wing site.” says Samuels, “Every dollar we save on costs like energy use translates into scholarship dollars to bring more at-risk youth to our overnight camp program. In partnership with Alvin Hollis, we are changing lives and helping the environment at the same time!”

Crossroads for Kids has been unlocking opportunities for at-risk Boston area youth to transform their lives for 75 years. Our experienced and dedicated staff counsels, nurtures, and builds critical relationships through immersive year-round and summer camp programs giving youth valuable life skills and a consistently safe place to turn regardless of their individual situation. Serving over 1000 Boston area youth each year, Crossroads for Kids immerses children ages 7-17 in a safe, supportive community, preparing them to meet life’s challenges as they learn, grow, and discover their own unique potential. www.Crossroads4kids.org

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