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Kelly Music for Life, Green Mountain Energy Sun Club compose sustainable tune for new community center

*Project includes solar power and resource conservation
for public gathering space opening in Fall*

Havertown-based 501(c)(3) non-profit Kelly Music for Life has received a grant from Green Mountain Energy Sun Club to assist in the construction of the Kelly Center for Music, Arts and Community in Havertown, set to open this Fall.

The new Center will be home to a sustainability project underwritten by Sun Club. The project incorporates renewable energy and resource conservation features, including roof-mounted solar that will power some of the lighting and audio features inside and a rainwater capture system that will incorporate gravity irrigation for an indoor living wall. Sun Club will also sponsor recycling efforts at upcoming Kelly Music for Life outdoor events and festivals.

“Thanks to the support of Sun Club, we will be able to reduce the carbon footprint of the Kelly Center,” said Tom Kelly, Chairman and Executive Director, Kelly Music for Life. “In addition to supporting the Arts, the Kelly Center will do its part to educate our community on renewable resources and lead by example. We owe this to our planet!”

“The Green Mountain Energy Sun Club partners with organizations that make a real difference in their communities,” said Mark Parsons, president of Green Mountain Energy Sun Club. “This project with the Kelly Center will benefit all of Havertown by providing a sustainably-minded gathering space for the local community to learn and grow in.”

Building renovations at the new Kelly Center are being made with sustainable design and construction in mind. The performance stage will be built from the original wood flooring from the nearly 100 year old building. Using

reclaimed wood not only provides stronger building materials, but it reduces carbon emissions by eliminating the need to cut and transport materials and reduces waste in landfills.

The living wall, an indoor garden, will be fed by rainwater, natural light and fresh air from sliding windows on the new façade. Skylights and glass block will increase natural lighting in the space. Heating and cooling efficiencies as well as sound insulation will be bolstered by the use of renewable and recycled content spray foam along with environmentally-friendly cellulose insulation which contains 85% recycled and shredded newspaper.

In recognition of its contribution to the sustainability project and support for recycling at upcoming events, Kelly is granting naming rights on the performance stage to Sun Club for three years.

The Kelly Center will be located at 4 E. Eagle Road in Havertown, PA.

Links:

www.GMESunClub.org

<http://kellymusicforlife.org/>

<http://kellymusicforlife.org/venue-plan/>

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