



News Release

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Solar Power at Coarc

Mellenville, NY: With the goal to save energy and money, Coarc and SunDog Solar partnered to install solar panels at five Coarc locations in Columbia County, with a sixth installation scheduled for spring. SunDog Solar, located in Chatham, installed the systems with no money down from Coarc. The energy generating panels qualified for a 2010 Federal Stimulus Tax Credit, but Coarc is a nonprofit organization and could not utilize the tax credit. SunDog Solar was able to take this as a grant towards the equipment and Coarc now leases the solar power systems from SunDog Solar.

“I have been involved with Coarc going back to the 1980’s,” said Jody Rael, President of SunDog Solar, Solaqua Power & Art and Kling Magnetics. “We have used workers from Coarc in our assembly process at Kling Magnetics, which is our manufacturing business. SunDog Solar made solar power possible for Coarc and now we would like to make it happen for other businesses and homes.”

Rael explained that the Federal Stimulus Tax Credit was supposed to expire at the end of 2010, but a 2011 tax credit extension may open new opportunities for others to access renewable energy. Residential and business owners interested in this pilot solar leasing program can contact Betsy Wyman, Vice President of SunDog Solar, at 518-392-4000, ext. 103.

Coarc is a Columbia County, NY, nonprofit organization serving 500 individuals. Its mission is to expand abilities, one person at a time, so individuals experiencing disabilities can achieve their individual goals. Coarc offers Vocational and Employment Services, Contract Manufacturing, Residential and Living Alternatives, Day Activity Programs, Service Coordination, Legal and Family Support Services, Children's Services, Community Habilitation, Respite Services, Recreation Opportunities and Traumatic Brain Injury Services. Coarc is supported through state and federal funding, and by individual and corporate members, donors and foundations. It is a chapter of NYSARC, Inc. More information is available at www.coarc.org or 518-672-4451.

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SunDog Solar installed solar power panels at Coarc's Shasta Drive home in Claverack and in Hudson at Coarc's Ravish Road home, Promenade Hill Center on Warren Street, Coarc Contract Manufacturing on Second Street and Prospect Avenue offices where The Starting Place and Cardinal Hall are located. Coarc's Mellenville site is also scheduled for solar panel installation.