SunPower Corporation Donates Over 150kW to GO!

By Josh Littlejohn

In October 2013 Green Opportunities received a generous donation of Solar Panels from SunPower Corporation. SunPower is a US-based manufacturer and installer of the most efficient Photovoltaic (PV) panels available worldwide.

The 100kW of panels are in “scratch and dent condition” meaning that they are slightly damaged yet fully functional. The donation is a substantial step towards installing operable renewable energy systems on local projects, including an estimated 100kW rooftop array on the W.C. Reid Center.

We will use these systems to provide educational and employment opportunities for individuals in the communities we serve as well as to increase Western North Carolina’s installed renewable energy capacity. Several partners are currently working with GO in support of these goals, including FLS Energy, The Appalachian Institute for Renewable Energy (AIRE), The City of Asheville Office of Sustainability, and Appalachian State University.

W.C. Reid Center

GO is interested in gathering stories on the history of the W.C. Reid Center and the Southside Community.

GO is calling on all Asheville natives, especially Southside Community residents, to lend your voice in establishing an accurate history of the W.C. Reid Center and surrounding area, including pieces on the Livingston St. School/Integration, the community center post-Livingston St. School, Reid’s work in the community, the thriving business district here, and the disastrous effects of urban renewal.

If readers have ideas, materials, stories, pictures, or other resources to offer, contact DeWayne Barton, Dewayne@greenopportunities.org.

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To make an appointment with us:

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