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**GOOD WILL-HINCKLEY CELEBRATES OPENING OF RENOVATED ACADEMIC FACILITIES:
First Net-Positive Energy, Solar Powered Academic Facility in Maine Will Accommodate Strong Growth;
Harold Alfond Foundation Support Critical to Milestone for 126 Year-Old Maine Institution**

(Fairfield, Maine) – Good Will-Hinckley today celebrated the opening of Maine’s first fully solar powered, net-positive energy academic facility. At a ribbon cutting ceremony for the newly renovated building to be used by the Maine Academy of Natural Sciences (MeANS), Good Will-Hinckley leaders and supporters celebrated that the new facilities will allow the school to grow, providing over 200 students per year from all over Maine with a unique, individualized, hands-on education in agriculture, forestry, renewable energy and natural sciences.

“Today, we build on 126 years of experience changing lives and creating opportunity for young Mainers,” said Good Will-Hinckley Interim President Rob Moody. “The opening of the first net-positive, fully-solar powered academic facility in Maine would never have been possible without the support and commitment of our Board of Directors or the tremendous generosity of more than 100 donors, most importantly the Harold Alfond Foundation. We are here today to join a new, large class of students, parents, teachers and other leaders to say ‘Thank you for lending a helping hand.’ Thank you for sharing our vision and our passion for changing lives and creating opportunity for hundreds of young people from all across Maine who will come here to learn each year.”

“On behalf of our Board of Directors, we want to thank our campaign co-chairs, former U.S. Senator Olympia Snowe and former Governor John Baldacci, and all of the private donors who have made this day possible,” said Good Will-Hinckley Board Chair, Jack Moore. “We still have work to do and need support to complete our \$10 million capital campaign, but once again in Maine, it was the vision and commitment of the Harold Alfond Foundation that helped send a message that this project was important, deserved support and helped get us over 50 percent of the way to our goal. MeANS has had to turn students interested in attending the Maine Academy of Natural Sciences away each of the past two years. Today, we are on our way to achieving the vision of serving over 200 students from across Maine each year.”

“For over thirty years, the Harold Alfond Foundation has been a strong supporter of Good Will-Hinckley and its mission,” said Greg Powell, Chairman of the Harold Alfond Foundation. “With the expansion of the Moody School, we are delighted to see Good Will-Hinckley take this exciting next step toward serving more Maine youth at the state’s first charter high school.”

“This school has changed my life and so many lives over all these years. We are all in awe of these amazing new facilities and wanted to welcome you today and say ‘Thank you for lending a helping hand’ and caring enough to invest in our future,” said Hannes Moll, a junior at MeANS.

Driven By Momentum and Growth at Good Will-Hinckley and the Maine Academy of Natural Sciences

Today's ribbon cutting and grand opening celebrates the renovation and expansion of the Charles E. Moody School building which was constructed on the Good Will-Hinckley campus in 1905-06. At that time, it was designed by the architectural firm of William R. Miller of Lewiston, Maine to replace an earlier structure destroyed by fire. The Moody School is a contributing structure to the "Hinckley Good Will Home Historic District," which was named to the National Register of Historic Places in 1986.

Plans for the renovation and expansion, which are respectful of the historic building and retain much of the original character and defining features, began in 2012 – the year the MeANS became Maine's first public charter high school dedicated to providing a unique, hands-on education in the natural sciences to students from all across Maine. Demand from parents and students has grown each and every year and applicants have had to be turned away.

For the 2015 school year alone, the brand new Maine Academy of Natural Sciences class has grown from 76 to over 122 students representing more than 27 school districts across Maine. "The new and expanded Moody School facilities we are opening and celebrating today, as a result of your generous support, will allow us to continue to grow and build the capacity to serve over 200 young people from across Maine each and every year," said Interim President Rob Moody. "It always pains us to turn young people away, which is why this is such an exciting day for all of the staff and teachers on the Good Will-Hinckley campus."

The new, completely renovated Moody School facility is 23,350 square feet and includes 17 state of the art classrooms, labs and facilities that support the exceptional science and sustainability education. The original building had 16,150 square feet and 12 classrooms. The expansion added 7,200 square feet and 5 classrooms.

Designed to be Maine's First Fully Solar Powered, Net-Positive Energy Academic Facility

Working with Maine's Harriman Architects & Engineers and lead construction partner Landry/French Construction Company, the new Moody School is designed to be Maine's first fully solar powered, net-positive energy academic facility. The new energy efficient design will save Good Will-Hinckley an estimated \$1.3 million over the next 25 years alone and has a meter set up to track carbon credits based on the fossil fuel usage offset.

Two hundred and sixty-seven (267) photovoltaic panels on the property deliver enough energy to power the building and classrooms, plus two state-of-the art, year round greenhouses next door and will likely provide additional power for other facilities on campus or the local power grid. Specifically, the solar panels are expected to deliver 91,000 kWh of power. The Moody School facility is expected to use approximately 77,000 kWh, leaving a "net-positive" overage of 14,000 kWh of clean, renewable power.

The building achieves an energy usage level approximately 30 percent less than a conventional building through the use of energy efficient mechanical and lighting systems and insulation values well in excess of code requirements. Efficiency Maine awarded nearly \$30,000 in incentives for the installation of energy efficient mechanical systems and LED lighting.

"Harriman Architects & Engineers and Landry/French Construction were tremendous partners to Good Will-Hinckley on this project," said Interim President Rob Moody. "Our students are now in the unique position of learning about natural sciences and renewable energy – while sitting in classrooms powered by the sun. The level of excitement from students has been fun to see."

Donors, Alumni and Supporters Who Made Today Possible

While there is still work to do to complete the \$10 million capital campaign, Good Will-Hinckley and its Board of Directors today recognized the following major donors who allowed the newly expanded and renovated Moody School to open its doors for the 2015 school year.

Harold Alford Foundation
Good Will-Hinckley Alumni
Wagner Family Donation
Hinckley Foundation
Calder Foundation
Unity Foundation
Farm Credit East & CoBank
JANE'S TRUST
GWH Foundation
Betterment Fund

In addition to these major donations, Good Will-Hinckley noted that the campaign received support from a total of 100 people and institutions.

Maine Businesses and Craftspeople Who Completed This Historic Project

Harriman Architects & Engineers and lead construction partner Landry/French Construction Company led a team of over 27 Maine-based businesses who have worked on the Moody School renovation and expansion over the past three years.

“We have been proud to work with so many talented professionals and craftspeople from across Maine on this project,” said Interim President Rob Moody. “More than 27 businesses across Maine participated in making this project a success and we are grateful for all of their skills and good work.”

The following Maine businesses and craftspeople participated in the renovation and expansion of Good Will-Hinckley's Moody School facilities:

- Harriman Architects & Engineers - Auburn, Portland
- Landry/French Construction Company – Scarborough
- Northeast Contracting Services. Inc. – Biddeford
- Ranger Contracting, Inc. – Winslow
- Fine Line Paving & Grading LLC - Madison
- Acme Land Surveying – Farmington
- Auburn Concrete – Auburn
- Lajoie Bros. – Augusta
- Knowles Industrial Services – Gorham
- Bellefleur Masonry – Gray
- Nye's Welding – Greene
- James McBrady – Portland
- Bach Woodcraft, LLC - Saco
- Standard Waterproofing, Inc. – Waterville
- Quality Insulation – Yarmouth
- Above and Beyond – Lewiston

- Oakes & Parkhurst – Manchester
- Hardware Consultants – Cumberland Foreside
- Eldredge Lumber – Cape Neddick
- Metro Walls – Westbrook
- Paul White Tile - Portland
- Ace Corp – South Portland
- Pine State Elevator – Portland
- High Tech Fire Protection – Minot
- Ranor Inc. – Jay
- Ideal Electric – Winslow
- CTI Communications Technologies - Falmouth

About Good Will-Hinckley:

Good Will-Hinckley is a 126 year old educational and non-profit institution located in Fairfield, Maine focused on creating opportunity for non-traditional Maine students. Today there are five programs housed on the 1,000 acre campus including Maine’s first public charter high school, The Maine Academy of Natural Sciences, for students who flourish in a non-traditional education environment; the College Step Up program for young adults who are transitioning into post-secondary education; The Glenn Stratton Learning Center which offers educational services to students in grades kindergarten through twelve who experience significant social-emotional and behavioral challenges; the Campus Life program for MeANS students and the LC Bates Museum, which focuses on the natural history of Maine and is open to the public. For more information on Good Will-Hinckley, see www.gwh.org.

About The Maine Academy of Natural Sciences

The Maine Academy of Natural Sciences (MeANS), Maine’s first public charter high school, was founded in 2012. The school serves non-traditional high school students from anywhere in Maine who are interested in hands-on learning, the natural sciences and careers in farming, forestry, sustainability, alternative energy and other related fields. MeANS is a separate entity with its own board of directors that resides and uses facilities on the Good Will-Hinckley campus. For more information on the Maine Academy of Natural Sciences, see www.means-gwh.org.

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