



Alteris Renewables Joins ABC's *Extreme Makeover: Home Edition* to Provide Solar Panels for a Connecticut Family in Need

Renewable energy company Alteris helps the Girard family rebuild after a devastating tragedy

Wilton, CT– February 9, 2009: Alteris Renewables, Inc. (formerly SolarWrights and Solar Works), the largest solar integrator in the northeast, today announced their role in the solar project for a new home in Voluntown, CT, built by ABC's hit TV show *Extreme Makeover: Home Edition*. The home was built for the Girards, a well-loved family in the Voluntown community.

After losing their home in a devastating fire last winter, the Girards were faced with an even deeper hardship. Thomas Girard drowned in June at a nearby lake when he was swimming with his children. After rescuing his younger sister, son Marc swam back to bring his father ashore. Tragically, Marc drowned trying to save him. After hearing about this story, the *Extreme Makeover* team chose to help the Girards rebuild their lives.

Alteris was approached this fall by the *Extreme Makeover* producers via a Voluntown building official. Alteris enlisted the Stonington branch to help design the Girard family's new home. Charlie Morgan, production manager, took the reins and oversaw the whole PV project from start to finish. The team successfully installed solar modules and inverters in early December.

"The Girards suffered terribly in 2008," said Bob Chew, president of residential business. "I am so proud to be a part of the effort to help this family who has had such bad luck. Being able to truly touch people's lives with our work is a great joy, and this project is probably the best thing Alteris has ever done."

Each episode of *Extreme Makeover: Home Edition* begins with team leader Ty Pennington's now-famous "Good morning!" wake-up call, when he, along with the other designers, surprises the unsuspecting family with news that their home has been chosen to receive a makeover. Then viewers witness not only the unbelievable transformation of the house, but during the final and emotional reveal, they see how the home makeover has impacted the lives of the deserving families.

With the help of countless volunteers from the Voluntown area, the crew assembled by *Extreme Makeover* had the Girard's new home built in just one week. Alteris, SunPower, Inc. and Direct Power & Water Corporation pooled together their resources to provide the hardware and expertise needed to install a fully integrated solar system into the Girard's new house. SunPower provided 36 SPR-225 solar panels, and Direct Power & Water did much of the siting. Pennington hosted the revealing of the new home to the Girards in Voluntown with over 4,000 in attendance.

"It was an extremely emotional moment," said Morgan. "It really showed how well-respected and loved this family is in their community, and also what a great community they live in. When you watch them hugging and crying ... you just know it's a dream come true."

Extreme Makeover: Home Edition has won two Emmy Awards for Outstanding Reality Program, plus two People's Choice Awards and the Family Television Award for Best Alternative/Reality Program. The Girard's episode of *Extreme Makeover: Home Edition* aired on Sunday, February 8th at 8:00 p.m. EST on ABC.

About Alteris Renewables, Inc.

Formed when SolarWrights, Inc, and Solar Works, Inc joined forces in October of 2008, Alteris Renewables is a full service renewable energy systems integrator and project developer. The company provides solar electric (photovoltaic), solar thermal, and wind energy solutions for commercial, residential, education, municipal and institutional clients. The company has industry leading expertise in engineering, design, project management, performance analysis, project financing and renewable energy credit programs. Alteris is a portfolio company of Riverside Partners, a Boston-based technology and healthcare private equity firm. Riverside provided the capital to facilitate the merger of SolarWrights, Inc. and Solar Works, Inc. in 2008. For more information, please visit www.alterisinc.com.

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