



## Press Release

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### **Robert Proto, President of the Federation of University Employees, Local 35, Yale University to help Celebrate Easter Seals Goodwill Industries**

**North Haven, CT, April 12, 2012** – There is much to celebrate in 2012 at Easter Seals Goodwill Industries: the move to a new location, the additional space in our programs and the help of Robert Proto, President of the Federation of University Employees, Local 35 at Yale University as chair of the 2012 Celebrate Campaign.

The Celebrate Campaign is in its 14th year and is Easter Seals Goodwill Industries' largest annual fundraising campaign. The funds raised support Easter Seals Goodwill Industries' mission to enhance employment, educational, social and recreational opportunities for people with disabilities and other challenges. The Agency's goal is to raise a minimum of \$100,000 in order to provide programs and assistance to even more people in 2012.

Bob Proto began his employment at Yale as a steam sitter, overseeing the heating and cooling of the University. He has currently worked for almost 20 years as the President of the Federation of University Employees, Local 35 to ensure fair wages and labor conditions for the workforce at Yale.

Easter Seals Goodwill Industries has always worked to improve the lives of people with disabilities or other challenges to employment. The partnership with Local 35 will help to continue to improve the lives of working people in the greater New Haven area.

Through this year's Celebrate Campaign, Easter Seals Goodwill Industries hopes to continue to expand its many programs to help people with disabilities and other challenges. This annual Campaign raises necessary funds to support program participants, providing them with the support and services that they need and deserve. From job placement and retention services





# Easter Seals Goodwill Industries

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for people with disabilities and other challenges to after-school programs for underprivileged children in New Haven, Easter Seals Goodwill Industries strives to help others help themselves.

**About Easter Seals Goodwill Industries:** Easter Seals Goodwill Industries is a progressive, community-based organization committed to its mission to enhance employment, educational, social and recreational opportunities for people with disabilities and other challenges in the greater New Haven area.