



# Easter Seals Goodwill Industries

...to enhance employment opportunities and the quality of life for people with disabilities and other special needs

## Press Release

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### EASTER SEALS GOODWILL INDUSTRIES

**"SET-UP WEEKEND FOR THE 17<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL FANTASY OF LIGHTS SPONSORED  
BY PSEG POWER CONNECTICUT LLC"**

**NEW HAVEN, CT, 10/14/2011:** On Friday, October 28, community volunteers will come together at Lighthouse Point Park in New Haven to help create the largest winter holiday light show in Connecticut, the 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Fantasy of Lights presented by Easter Seals Goodwill Industries. Volunteers include representatives of area unions in the Building and Construction Trades Council as well as recruits from The Connecticut Police Academy - POST.

Volunteers start arriving at 9:00 a.m. and work setting up the enormous light displays. Over 60 light displays will be erected, wired and have their bulbs changed so that the event will be ready and open to the public on Friday, November 18.



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PSEG Power Connecticut LLC is the event's title sponsor. Each year, more than 100,000 people visit Fantasy of Lights, the proceeds of which benefit Easter Seals Goodwill Industries' mission *to enhance employment, educational, social and recreational opportunities for people with disabilities and other challenges*. The agency serves more than 800 individuals a year in Greater New Haven, the shoreline and eastern Connecticut communities.

The Fantasy of Lights route covers a little over a mile, and more than five miles of lighting cable is used. One display, the Ice Tunnel, contains 6,500 lights, is 200 feet long and 15 feet high. Approximately 30 light displays are animated, and over 100,000 lights are used on all the displays. The Lighthouse with its streamers of light is the tallest display at 75 feet.

This year, many of the display sponsors for Fantasy of Lights have gone green with LED light bulbs. LED bulbs are much more energy-efficient, are more durable than incandescent bulbs and just make the displays look brighter and more colorful!

The Fantasy of Lights also will feature two brand new displays this year. Sponsored by Honeywell Fire Systems, a display featuring a Santa Claus with a fire Dalmatian dog will be added to the route as well as a nativity scene complete with a manger and wise men, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus.





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Additional information is available at  
[www.eastersealsgoodwill.org/fantasyoflights](http://www.eastersealsgoodwill.org/fantasyoflights)

**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.

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