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## Press Release

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### **"LOCAL UNIONS AND POLICE RECRUITS HELP TO LIGHT UP THE HOLIDAYS WITH FANTASY OF LIGHTS"**

**NEW HAVEN, CT, 10/24/2011:** The Fantasy of Lights has become a holiday tradition for many families in the greater New Haven area. But not many people know how much work goes into setting up this mile-long holiday light display. There are numerous unions, volunteers and groups that help to make this event possible.

Volunteers are from local unions ranging from the International Union of Operating Engineers, Local 478 and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Engineers, Local 90 to the Sheet Metal Workers, local 40 come to Lighthouse Point Park to assist in everything from unloading the displays from storage trailers to changing individual light bulbs. In addition to local unions, this year about 40 police recruits from The Connecticut Police Academy - POST, class 344 will also be assisting with the setup.





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This year, fourteen of the displays have gone green. The displays have been refitted with new, energy-saving LED bulbs. In addition to saving electricity, the LED bulbs also make the displays even more amazing with brighter and more vibrant colors.

The 2011 Fantasy of Lights setup will be even busier this year due to the addition of two new displays. The Knights of Columbus has sponsored a brand new nativity scene, complete with manger and wise men. Honeywell Fire Systems has sponsored a new fire dog and Santa display as well.

Each year, more than 100,000 people visit the Fantasy of Lights, making this the largest fundraiser for Easter Seals Goodwill Industries. But it would not be possible without the numerous volunteers that help to setup and prepare this dazzling light display.

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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