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OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE 17TH ANNUAL FANTASY OF LIGHTS

NEW HAVEN, CT, 11/18/2011: Despite a chilly and rainy start, Easter Seals Goodwill Industries flipped the switch to light up the 17th Annual Fantasy of Lights on Thursday, November 17, 2011. Celebrating the opening was Title Sponsor PSEG, the Nathan Hale School fourth grade chorus, police recruits from The Connecticut Police Academy - POST, Mayor-Elect, Joseph Maturo, Jr., volunteers, sponsors, employees, family members and participants of the Easter Seals Goodwill Industries programs.

"We are so excited about this year's Fantasy of Lights," said Eloise Mongillo, the Director of Development. "We have a brand new nativity scene, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus and a new Santa with fire dog display, sponsored by Honeywell Fire Systems. We are very thankful to our Title Sponsor, PSEG, who make this event possible. And this year, we have fourteen displays with LED lightbulbs, which save energy and make the displays even more colorful and vibrant."



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The Fantasy of Lights Preview Party kicked off with the Nathan Hale School fourth grade chorus singing a variety holiday carols, including one that they wrote especially for the Fantasy of Lights. At approximately 5:30, Donna Zampa, a program participant of Easter Seals Goodwill Industries helped president, Richard Borer and PSEG's Michael Stagliola to flip the switch, to turn on the Fantasy of Lights for the 2011 season.

The party wrapped up with a special surprise visit from a few famous holiday characters: Frosty the Snowman and Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer. Finally, the big man himself, Santa Claus arrived with his very own police recruit escort. The park was then opened for everyone to drive through.

The Fantasy of Lights will be open to the public until January 7, 2012. It opens each night at 5pm and closes at 9pm on Sundays through Thursdays and at 10pm on Fridays and Saturdays. Admission is \$10 for cars and family vans, \$25 for mini-buses and \$50 for full sized buses.

Additional information is available at www.ctgoodwill.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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