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## Local Girl Scout Troops Light up the Night for Patients and Staff at Children's Specialized Hospital in Mountainside

Mountainside, NJ— On Sunday, November 29<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 pm local Girl Scout troops from Westfield assembled battery operated luminaries and decorated the front lawn and back patio of Children's Specialized Hospital's Mountainside campus.

The luminary project was part of Be the Light, Westfield!, a town wide event sponsored by the Presbyterian Church of Westfield, Westfield United Fund and Rotary Club of Westfield. All profits from the event support programs fighting hunger in Union County.

"Children's Specialized Hospital has been transforming the lives of Children with special healthcare needs in Mountainside, Westfield and surrounding areas for more than 125 years," said Philip Salerno, President and Chief Development Officer at Children's Specialized Hospital Foundation. "It is beautiful that the girl scouts chose to spread kindness and cheer at CSH through Be the Light, Westfield!"

The luminaries were lit at dusk and carefully placed so inpatient children and staff could view them from inside the hospital.

"I was so happy when this project came together. Finding safe, engaging and meaningful troop activities during the pandemic has been a challenge," said Lindsay Cuffaro co-leader of troop 40045. "This project helped our scouts recognize groups in our community with needs different from their own and gave them a way to participate in a safe, in-person activity to affect change. It hits all the right notes for a Girl Scout project!"

Participants included troops 40604, 40623, 40450, 40192, 40045, 40149, 40490, and 40436.

“We are so happy to be here today to bring our message of hope and joy to all the kids at Children’s Specialized Hospital,” said girl scouts from troop 40045.

**Children’s Specialized Hospital**, an RWJBarnabas Health facility, is leading the way to a brighter future for children and adolescents facing special health challenges – from chronic illnesses and complex physical disabilities like brain and spinal cord injuries, to developmental and behavioral issues like autism and mental health. **Children’s Specialized Hospital Foundation**, a nonprofit organization, raises funds solely to support the programs and services of the hospital. All donations go directly to helping Children’s Specialized Hospital pioneer life-changing care and serve more children in need. **To help, or for more information, visit [www.childrens-specialized.org](http://www.childrens-specialized.org) or follow us on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [Twitter](#) and [LinkedIn](#).**

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