



Mid November to December 31

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Dear Interested Supporter;

The Board of Directors have run into some major difficulties in their attempt to put up the Celebration of Lights for the 32nd year. We are short on donations, and community support for the displays has fallen significantly. For these reasons the Board reluctantly made the decision to minimize the presence of our lights in the park for 2016. It was decided that to be successful for into the future the organization needs to concentrate on developing a sustainable method of maintaining and repairing the displays, increase the number of volunteers on the Board of Directors, and develop committees for fundraising.

The response to the public announcement on Oct. 6th however, has been overwhelming! Many people and groups have come forward asking what they can do to help; meetings are being set up with some of these groups in order to find ways to “save this event” and light up as much as we can for this year. Therefore the Board is reaching out to the community by asking you to participate in what we are calling the “adopt a display” program. Within this program each group interested in participating will be designated a display (or group of small displays). You will be asked to help with the transport to and from the park, set up and tear down every year, as well as assist with the cost and completion of any repairs or maintenance required for that display. This will help significantly with the up keep of the displays, reduce the amount of fundraising required annually for maintenance, and create a more collaborative effort to keep this event alive for generations to come.

If you are able to “adopt” a display please reach out and let us know by emailing Bill Suisham at bsuisham@yahoo.com. We are also open to any groups willing to create their own display.

If the “adopt a display” program is not for you, please consider a donation. Your donation will assist some of the groups who may want to participate in the program but don’t have the financial means, such as the cadets, schools, etc. Funds are also required to cover annual insurance expenses and to restore other activities for opening ceremonies, such as fireworks, horse and carriage rides, etc,

Being 100% volunteer driven, 100% donation funded, and 100% free to our spectators is challenging. We are depending on our community to show this is an important Sarnia tradition. Contributions to our festival are recognized via our website, through media interaction, as well as throughout the park during the event via recognition tree’s and logos appearing on the interactive media displays. The Celebration of Lights is proud to have always provided a free event to kick off the Christmas season in Sarnia Lambton, and we hope to bring it all back in 2017 with your support.

To donate please send your contribution to:

Celebration of Lights, Inc. Box 2684 , Sarnia, ON N7T 7V9.

Or for more information on how you can help call us, at (519) 344-8422 or email info@celebrationoflights.com.

Yours very truly;

Bill Suisham - Chairman

Save the Date: Dueling Piano Dinner Event fundraiser to be held Nov.26, 2016 at the Sarnia Legion