The International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) held their opening day festivities of its fifth annual Holiday Lights in the Park event last Tuesday, Nov. 20 at Phalen Park in St. Paul. Holiday Lights in the Park has raised more than $170,000 during its run as one of the state's largest holiday lights displays.

IBEW is hoping to raise over $60,000, topping last year's total, for those in need this holiday season through its mission: creating fun and affordable family-friendly holiday entertainment that raises funds to help meet basic life needs for children and adults.

IBEW Holiday Lights in the Park was developed with the sole purpose of creating fun and affordable holiday events that raise funds to help meet basic life needs for children and adults in the Twin Cities metro area. All of the net proceeds of the "Holiday Lights Vol. 4" CD and Holiday Lights events will be distributed to Second Harvest Heartland, Union Gospel Mission, Saint Paul Parks Conservancy and UnderConstruction.

The Holiday Lights project involves two unique holiday experiences this year: The IBEW Holiday Lights in the Park Light Tour at Phalen Park in St. Paul from November 20-January 1, 2013; and "Holiday Lights Vol. 4" concert series, December 9 at the Pantages Theatre in Minneapolis.

For more information visit: www.lightsinthepark.org , on Facebook: facebook.com/HolidayLightsMN , or follow on Twitter: twitter.com/HolidayLightsMN.