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Recognition: Youth Train in Trades – Lights of Hope

For the last decade, each year as Christmas approaches, a group of district Electrical Program students, led by instructor Don Zaklan, have been making the trip to St. Paul's Hospital in Vancouver to do an extensive amount of work to install the massive Lights of Hope display.

The Lights of Hope is used as a fundraiser for the hospital, bringing in more than \$3-million last year.

For two weeks, the students in the Youth Train in Trades Electrical Program spend full days wiring lights and electrical panels, testing and waterproofing *10-kilometers* of Christmas lights.

Besides offering students an opportunity to support their community, the installation of the Lights of Hope display also provides students with valuable learning experiences. While on site at St. Paul's, Don arranges for his students to learn about the hospital's generators, transformers and fire alarms, along with the heating, ventilation, air conditioning and electrical systems.

The Surrey Board of Education recognizes instructor Don Zaklan and the students of the Youth Train in Trades Electrical Program for community support through their annual work on the St. Paul's Hospital Lights of Hope Display.