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BC Place steps up to ensure 'Lights of Hope' glow bright in 2013

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Vancouver, BC: BC Place is coming to the aid of the 'Lights of Hope' at St. Paul's Hospital by providing a site for volunteers to test hundreds of thousands of Christmas lights that have been donated to the annual holiday fundraising campaign.

BC Place is Vancouver's home for light - whether the BC Lions and Vancouver Whitecaps FC are lighting up the scoreboard, or the stadium is lighting up the city skyline. This week the stadium is taking on an additional role as 20 volunteers use it as their testing ground for the St. Paul's Hospital Foundation's 'Lights of Hope' campaign.

In the past, volunteers have used a warehouse in Burnaby to tackle this monumental task, but this year they lost that space. In a pinch, BC Place stepped up and offered the use of their second floor concourse for four days, where the volunteers will work for nine hours a day testing the lights.

The Lights of Hope is a spectacular display of holiday lights that illuminate the exterior of St. Paul's Hospital as part of a campaign to invite the community to give generously to the hospital's greatest needs. Volunteers from Stantec and BCIT come together in the months before Christmas to untangle, sort, and test several hundreds of thousands of lights, measuring about 10 kilometers in length, for the Lights of Hope.

"The Lights of Hope at St. Paul's Hospital has become an annual holiday tradition thanks to the community spirit it inspires in the hundreds of thousands of people who participate in the campaign by visiting the display, volunteering to help build it or making a donation to St. Paul's,' says Dick Vollet, President and CEO of St. Paul's Hospital Foundation, the organizer of the Lights of Hope campaign. "St. Paul's Hospital is grateful to BC Place for demonstrating that community spirit by stepping up to help us in a moment of need."

"We are pleased to be able to step up and help this important community initiative," said Graham Ramsay, Director of Sales and Marketing, BC Place. "The St Paul's Lights of Hope are a heartwarming part of the holiday season in Vancouver, and everyone at BC Place is proud to support this very worthwhile cause."

Doug Hamming, Senior Architect with Stantec notes "We have a tradition of partnering with St. Paul's Hospital Foundation for this campaign, and we are grateful that BC Place has stepped up at late notice to provide a site for the light testing. Stantec has completed numerous projects at St. Paul's Hospital, as well as BC Place, and we're proud that we can continue to build our relationship with these organizations."

The 16th edition of the Lights of Hope campaign will begin on November 20, 2013 at 6:30 pm during a special Community Celebration where the display will be lit for the first time. The Lights of Hope campaign raises funds to support world-leading care, research, and teaching at St. Paul's Hospital and has a goal to raise $2.2 million this year. For more information about the St. Paul's Lights of Hope campaign, visit www.lightsofhope.com

About BC Place
BC Place Stadium is the largest multipurpose venue of its kind in the province of British Columbia. An architectural signature for the province, BC Place hosts sports, exhibition and entertainment on a year-round calendar of live events. BC Place is proud to be home to the BC Lions Football Club, Vancouver Whitecaps FC and the BC Sports Hall of Fame. For more information, follow BC Place on Twitter @BCPlace or visit www.bcplace.com

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