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WaterFire Announces A Very Special TWO DAY Christmas Celebration:

**Anonymous Donor Funds 3rd Annual Christmas WaterFire,
turning it into a weekend of holiday festivities with two partial lightings:
December 13th & December 14th!**

PROVIDENCE, RI - WaterFire Providence, the award-winning sculpture by artist Barnaby Evans, announces the addition of two basin fires on December 13th and 14th for the third annual Very Special Christmas WaterFire to benefit the [Providence Rescue Mission](#). Thanks to an anonymous donor the 41 braziers running from Waterplace Park Basin to Steeple Street will be burning brightly with Christmas spirit for two days! Festivities will commence in Waterplace Park at 5:00pm on Friday, December 13th and then again on Saturday December 14th!

"WaterFire is excited to produce this wonderful event for our community for the third year in a row. In the hustle and bustle of the holiday season we sometimes forget to simply take a moment to breathe, reflect, enjoy and celebrate each other. We are also thrilled to partner with the Providence Rescue Mission again, a phenomenal organization who extends the spirit of kindness, generosity and giving all 365 days out of the year to the underserved and homeless."

-Bronwyn Dannenfelser, Director of Development

Special activities for both days will include: a glorious tree lighting, a special visit from Santa Claus, Christmas caroling, a WaterFire merchandise booth and, WaterFire's Festival of Trees. WaterFire organizers and the Providence Rescue Mission will be reaching out to the local Providence business community to sponsor Christmas trees that will surround Waterplace basin, transforming it into a winter wonderland. All proceeds will benefit WaterFire and the Providence Rescue Mission. Sponsors will be provided with a fully lit Christmas tree to decorate in a theme of their choosing that will light up the basin for both days. After the event, all trees and their decorations will be donated to needy families in the Providence community that would otherwise be unable to afford this simple Christmas joy in their homes. For more information on sponsoring a tree, please contact Corinne Barber at corinne@waterfire.org or at 401.273.1155 x140

Many other special surprises and festivities will be announced over the next few weeks so stay tuned!
waterfire.org/christmas

WaterFire is also encouraging the public to bring donations of new unwrapped toys and gifts, food, clothing and other items for the Providence Rescue Mission.

The Providence Rescue Mission is registered 501(c)3 non-profit organization that is 100% privately funded and serves many thousands of men, women and children in the Providence community. “We serve the poor with dignity and respect. We feed and clothe the addicted and homeless; our doors are open to all, free of charge.” says Sean Carew Executive Director of the Providence Rescue Mission.

WaterFire Providence is an independent 501(c)3 non-profit arts organization and all contributions are tax deductible. It is presented for free by the generosity of our donors and sponsors. We greatly appreciate your contributions.

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