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## **County Executive Joanie Mahoney and Galaxy Communications Announce Record Setting Year for Lights on the Lake**

Syracuse, NY – Onondaga County Executive Joanie Mahoney and Galaxy Communications President Ed Levine announce that a record number of vehicles, 43,623, drove through the 28<sup>th</sup> season of Wegmans Lights on the Lake.

Lights on the Lake also raised \$15,000 for local charities. Hillside Work Scholarship Connection, Humane CNY and Second Chance Canine Adoption Shelter were all given a check \$5,000 during a gathering held at Onondaga Lake Park today.

“Onondaga County is proud to partner with Galaxy Communications to present Lights on the Lake,” said County Executive Joanie Mahoney. “This annual holiday tradition grew once again and set an all-time record for attendance and for giving back to three wonderful charities.”

The public-private partnership has allowed the continuation and growth of an already successful program in Onondaga Lake Park. Sponsored by Wegmans, collaborative efforts like these have proven to be beneficial in creating exciting family-friendly events in Onondaga County.

“We are proud to continue our partnership with Onondaga County,” said Ed Levine, President and CEO of Galaxy Communications. “It’s easy to promote an idea when you have great partners and a wonderful event. This is a great family tradition that hundreds of thousands from our community enjoy each and every year. We also believe in giving back and were proud to recognize and raise money for Hillside, Humane and Second Chance.”

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**Attached Photo from L to R:** Christine McNelly, Humane CNY; Ed Levine, Galaxy Communications; Bill Lansley, Onondaga County Parks; Lisa Berardi, Hillside Work Scholarship Connection; Debbie Hauwirth, Second Chance Canine Adoption Shelter, Joanie Mahoney, Onondaga County Executive