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THE FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS RETURNS TO CLIFTON SPRINGS ON DECEMBER 6

The Finger Lakes is kicking off this holiday season with its annual Festival of Lights, a celebratory tradition that brings families, businesses, and visitors together for an evening of magic.

CLIFTON SPRINGS, NY (SEP. 15, 2025) – The Finger Lakes Visitors Connection announces its partnership with the Clifton Springs Area Chamber of Commerce to present the Festival of Lights in Clifton Springs on Dec. 6, beginning at 6:00 p.m.

The Festival of Lights fosters a festive holiday spirit through the promotion of community and connection, while also promoting economic growth in the surrounding area. Taking place at 2 E. Main St., Clifton Springs, N.Y., the family-friendly atmosphere, which has been held since 1999, will be open to the public from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Visitors are encouraged to walk or drive as parking is limited.

The festival will feature special activities for children, including free horse-drawn wagon rides and the opportunity to meet Santa Claus, who will be arriving at 6:00 p.m., along with dancing to music and caroling from the Midlakes Students. During this time, all in-store shopping will remain open in conjunction with local street vendors.

Adults can also take part in an elevated evening of art installations and galleries, featuring a viewing of a Tiffany mosaic paired with music from organist Denise Morphy, or sit for a preview of the Nutcracker by Phelps Community Center. Pianist and singer Sonya Haskins will also be in attendance to perform inside the United Methodist Church at 7:00 p.m.

“We always jump at any opportunity to host events that engage all ages and backgrounds of our community, from families enjoying the activities, to our local hard workers who serve our community, the

Festival of Lights has something for everyone,” said Scott Janis, Chair of the Planning Board for the village of Clifton Springs.

“The Festival of Lights is a beautiful memory every child takes home with them. Whether it be the glow of the lights or the holiday spirit, it truly is a one-of-a-kind experience,” stated Jessica VanDeMar, Marketing Manager for Finger Lakes Visitors Connection.

ABOUT FINGER LAKES VISITORS CONNECTION – A nonprofit tourism agency established in 1984, connecting Ontario County to the Finger Lakes of Upstate New York.

ABOUT CLIFTON SPRINGS AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE: A nonprofit organization committed to the advancement of economic, social, and cultural development within the Clifton Springs area.