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Shine a green light for youth

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If you see a green light glowing on a front porch this month, it may be more than an early stab at Christmas decorating.

The Green Light Project is a nationwide effort to raise awareness about runaway youth and to show support for efforts to help. This year, the Green Light Project came to Lake County via the local chapter of Kids Hope United.

Tricia Wezeman of the Waukegan office of Kids Hope United organized an effort with the Waukegan Ace Hardware, and last weekend a booth was set up in the store to sell green light bulbs and distribute information from the National Runaway Switchboard, a runaway awareness hotline.

"People take the green bulb and put them on their porch as a sign of support for runaway awareness and programs," Wezeman said. "We sold about 50 bulbs."

Joyce Heneberry, director of development for Kids Hope United, said picking up on the Green Light Project was a natural for her group.

"It fits in with our mission to protect children and strengthen families," Heneberry said.

Kids Hope United also provides intervention services for children at risk of abuse and neglect and provides day care programs for low income families.

For more information on the local group, call (847)245-6800 or visit www.kidshopeunited.org .