

# If all you had to do *was change a light bulb* to fight global warming, would you?

## FROM THE FOUNDER:

Many people feel powerless to stop climate change. They wonder, "What can I possibly do to help?" The short answer: Change a light bulb.

One thing everyone can do is switch from incandescent bulbs to energy-efficient CFL (compact fluorescent light) bulbs. CFLs last up to 10 times longer than regular bulbs and use less energy to produce the same amount of light. Less energy used means less fossil fuel burned and, subsequently, less carbon dioxide released into the atmosphere, slowing the rate of climate change. More practically, less energy used means a lower electricity bill each month—so your wallet benefits too.

I, along with a growing Teen Advisory Board, formed the environmental awareness group RelightNY with the hope that we can educate and encourage people to take action and live in ways that protect the earth's environment by simply switching a light bulb.

**Avery Hairston**  
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## THE BENEFITS OF RELIGHTNY—THE FOUR ES:

- 1. ENVIRONMENT:** Switching to CFL bulbs reduces the amount of energy we use and the carbon emissions we produce.
- 2. EDUCATION:** Through distribution of CFL bulbs to low-income families, awareness of environmental issues spreads and more people understand the intrinsic benefits of using less energy.
- 3. ECONOMY:** CFL bulbs last up to 10 times longer than standard light bulbs and reduce electricity costs.
- 4. EMPOWERMENT:** Everyone can feel proud that they're contributing to the fight against global warming!

## THE TEEN ADVISORY BOARD

Avery Hairston (Founder)  
Daniel Bernstein, Peter Chapin,  
Peter Ginsberg, Brendan Harvey,  
Taiki Kasuga, Will Pagano,  
Jack Schlossberg, Stephen Todres

## RELIGHTNY'S GOAL

Through corporate and individual sponsorship, we will supply energy-saving bulbs to low-income housing, thereby reducing carbon emissions and helping households reduce energy bills. In doing so we hope to be a catalyst for change — inspiring all New Yorkers to switch to CFL bulbs and proving that even a bunch of teenagers can make a difference.

## HOW YOU CAN HELP:

Every \$5,000 donated will save families in need \$17,500 a year, eliminate 250,000 pounds of carbon emissions and conserve the energy equivalent of producing, packaging and transporting 25,000 standard light bulbs.

## CONTRIBUTIONS CAN BE MADE TO:

OSI/RelightNY, c/o Avery Hairston  
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## ABOUT RELIGHTNY'S NON-PROFIT PARTNERS:



Open Space Institute handles RelightNY's fiscal responsibilities. Its mission is to protect landscapes to ensure public enjoyment, protect habitats and sustain community character.



HELP USA distributes the CFL bulbs to families in their housing facilities. Its mission is to empower the homeless and others in need to become and remain self-reliant. They do this through the development of quality housing and on-site services.



Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC) serves as RelightNY's adviser. NRDC uses the law, science and its 1.2 million members to ensure a safe and healthy planet for all living things.