

Memorial Hospital Auxiliary

Trees of Love



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The annual tree lighting ceremony for Sheridan Memorial Hospital's Christmas Trees of Love will be Sunday, December 4th at 4:30 p.m. in the front lobby of the hospital. A short poem will be read during the tree lighting and music of the season will follow. Refreshments will be served.

Sponsored by the Memorial Hospital Auxiliary, the trees provide residents the opportunity to dedicate a light in honor or memory of a friend or family member. White lights memorialize a deceased loved one; green lights honor a relative or friend; and red lights honor a child or a pet.

"Lights can be dedicated to a loved one with a donation of \$5.00 or more any time throughout November and December," according to Joan Kalasinsky, Auxiliary spokesperson for the Trees of Love project.

While many people purchase lights for someone who is no longer living, the lights also make an excellent holiday gift for a friend, neighbor or loved one. With a \$5.00 donation, the Auxiliary sends a card to the honoree or the family informing them of the dedication. Donations should be sent in prior to the Tree Lighting on December 4th in order to be acknowledged with a card. Donations after that date will be acknowledged through January 2012.

The honoree's name is also inscribed in the Book of Love, which will be on display in the hospital lobby during the holidays.

"Since the first Lighting of the Trees of Love on the front lawn of Memorial Hospital in December of 1988, it has become an annual December event that many of us look forward to," Kalasinsky said.

Each year proceeds from the Trees of Love project go to fund a needed project or piece of equipment for the hospital.

Application forms are available at the hospital's reception desk or in some businesses throughout the community or at the hospital's website: www.sheridanhospital.org. For more information call Joan Kalasinsky at 672-8982.