



Sheep River HEALTH TRUST

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So much to be grateful for during this busy Season of Giving!

Patient and Family Centered Care Raffle Raises Over \$10,000 in Donations!

The Oilfields General Hospital has been a very busy over the past month. Not for the usual reasons but for something much merrier; the chance to win one of twelve amazing gift baskets of various themes donated by the community.

Winners were announced at the December Volunteer Appreciation event. The biggest announcement of all is that the raffle raised \$10,797.00 for the Sheep River Health Trust and is designated for patient and family centered care projects at Oilfields General Hospital. Thanks to all the volunteers for their hard work and dedication organizing the raffle and selling tickets.

Points of Light Sign-Up Day

The "Points of Light" campaign has been running for over twenty years. During that time, we have honoured many special loved ones as "points of light". They range from listing the names of those that have passed, to new babies, special teachers etc.

This time of year, our donors usually mail their information to us. As challenges arose due to the postal strike, we decided to increase ways that the community could contact us. Sheep River Health Trust held the first ever "Points of Light Signup Day" at the Oilfields General Hospital and Okotoks Health and Wellness Centre where people could register in person.

For those that did not get the chance to attend, you can still donate and include your "Point of Light" by scanning the QR Code below. The last day to donate is Dec. 31, 2024. The "Points of Light" will be published in the Western Wheel on Jan.15, 2025.

POINTS OF LIGHT SIGNUP DAY
 Thursday Dec. 5
 (9am - 3pm)

Fill out your "Points of Light" card in person and donate onsite by debit, credit or cheque.

"Points of Light" are recognized in the Western Wheel on January 15, 2025.

Brighten a life. 2024

Scan the QR code to register the Points of Light on your list!

Who is your "Point of Light?"

Remember a loved one. To honor a new life. Thank someone special. Share an Christmas gift.

OR

Call Sheep River Health Trust at 403-995-5400

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Photos with Santa

Now in its 11th year, Photos with Santa have become a tradition for many families in the Foothills. This year we decided to extend our bookings to Dec. 19 so more little ones could visit with Santa closer to Christmas. We had almost eight hundred bookings including families, pets, staff photos and even our Board members indulged in a group photo.

From left to right: Sheep River Health Trust Board Members - Fred Woodlock, Dana Johnson, Janet Scott, Natasha Philipson.

The Avenue of Trees Reimagined

This year marked the beginning of a new chapter for the Avenue of Trees. The event has always been about raising funds for Sheep River Health Trust and bringing Christmas joy to the community. In the past, all the decorated trees were put up for auction and bid on by individuals. There were four or five designated as "Trees of Hope" and given to those in need of a tree.

This year we decided to donate all the trees back to the community. With a strained economy, the need is greater for donations, including Christmas Trees. Our community stepped up to sponsor all nine trees for \$500 each so there were more trees available to help more families.

We kicked off Avenue of Trees with a Decorating & Recognition Party to decorate all the trees together with cookies, hot chocolate, and Christmas music. Ribbons and prizes were awarded to our decorators. We also acknowledged our sponsors and thanked them for their generous donations. Even Mayor Tanya Thorn stopped by to help launch our event and join the fun.

A continued tradition for the Avenue of Trees is winning the coveted Fan Favourite Trophy. Visitors of the display could vote on their favourite tree in person at the Best Western Plus Okotoks Inn & Suites and on our Facebook page. This year's winner was Spicer's Apothecary/Pharmasave's "Four Seasons" tree. It was an original design that beautifully flowed through a year's worth of seasons from one level to the next. The staff took home the trophy, a \$250 gift card from Okotoks Sobeys to give to a charity of their



choice (Rowan House) and of course bragging rights. Congratulations!

Photo Caption from left to right: Angila Brink and Maegan Seaman from Pharmasave in Diamond Valley

Update on the Annual Campaign

You maybe wondering about our Annual Campaign that you usually receive by mail. The good news is that you can expect to receive this information over the next couple of months as postal delivery resumes.

On behalf of the Sheep River Health Trust, we would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy & Healthy New Year!



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