

Tree Lighting next week Hospital campaign needs a boost

Everyone is invited to kick off the holiday season with the annual Tree Lighting Celebration at Georgetown Hospital next Wednesday, Dec. 1.

Along with the lighting of the tree the celebration, to be held in the Chronic Care courtyard at 7 p.m., will also feature caroling with Georgetown Children's Chorus, half-hour magic shows, a chance to meet Santa Claus and hot chocolate, spiced tea and holiday sweets.

Those who take in the tree lighting can enter their names in a draw for an original collagraph print of In Harmony, which is reproduced on the front of the Georgetown Hospital Foundation Christmas card, by artist and part-time hospital staffer Ruth Boissin.

It is also an ideal time to make a donation to the Georgetown Hospital Foundation's annual Tree Lighting Campaign—which this year has a goal of \$330,000.

To date about \$150,000 has been raised.

"We're having a bit of a tough year this year," said Foundation president Al Fraser.

He said the competition for donation dollars is stiff this year as there are many worthy fund-raising efforts ongoing in the community.

Fraser said the money raised by the Foundation goes toward the purchase of new and replacement medical equipment at the hospital, which is not funded by the Ministry of Health.

Items required include a surveillance unit for intensive care, patient lifts and slings, maternity bassinet, ECG monitors for Emergency, stretchers, and laparoscopic surgical equipment.

"The most important donors to us are the donors that donate every year," said Fraser.

He stressed that all of the money donated to Georgetown Hospital stays at Georgetown Hospital and isn't spent at the other campuses of the William Osler Health Centre.

Donations to the campaign can be made at the Tree Lighting Celebration, at the Foundation office or by calling Trisha Lefler at 873-0111 ext. 275.

—By Lisa Tallyn, staff writer



This collagraph print, In Harmony, by Ruth Boissin, is being raffled by the Georgetown Hospital Foundation.

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