



## MEDIA RELEASE

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### 25 Years of Giving Through the **Judy Lannin Christmas Wish Tree** Join us on December 13<sup>th</sup> for the Virtual Tree Lighting!

It's the most wonderful time of the year – and it just got a lot better as we celebrate the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Judy Lannin Christmas Wish Tree program. It provides a special way to honour or remember family and friends with a gift to the WDMH Foundation.

“As we look toward the festive season, we are also grateful for 25 years of giving,” notes Kristen Casselman, Managing Director. “In those two and a half decades, our generous donors have donated \$1.15 million dollars through the Wish Tree program! What an amazing community we have - thank you so much!”

Proceeds go to the Family Care Fund ‘to support families just like yours’ and to help ensure that Winchester District Memorial Hospital (WDMH) can continue to provide compassionate, excellent health care – close to home.

Kristen Casselman explains the meaning behind the program: “Five years ago, we were honoured to rename this program to the Judy Lannin Christmas Wish Tree in honour and memory of a special lady. Judy Lannin was a kind-hearted and determined WDMH team member who started the Wish Tree. She always instilled the gift of giving. Every year, we all have the opportunity to remember, reflect, and show appreciation and caring through this special program.”

Donors can donate online at <https://www.wdmhfoundation.ca/onlinegiving/donation/campaign> or call the Foundation office at 613-774-2422 ext. 6162. Names submitted with donations will be placed on ornaments and displayed on the giant tree in the hospital lobby.

On Tuesday, December 13<sup>th</sup> at 5 pm, the WDMH Foundation will hold a virtual tree lighting ceremony. It will be live streamed on the WDMH Foundation Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/wdmhfoundation](http://www.facebook.com/wdmhfoundation).

“We hope everyone can tune in from home to see the giant tree lit up and enjoy the entertainment,” adds Justine Plummer, Manager, Direct Mail & Events. Special thanks to the many sponsors of The Judy Lannin Christmas Wish Tree.

Happy Holidays everyone!

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# Judy Lannin Christmas Wish Tree

- In Support of the WDMH Foundation's Family Care Fund -



**Make a Donation**  
Drop off your donation at WDMH!

Donate online at [www.wdmhfoundation.ca](http://www.wdmhfoundation.ca) – click on 'Donate Now', and then 'The Judy Lannin Christmas Wish Tree' option.

Call 613-774-2422 x 6162 or x 6172 to make a credit card gift



**Virtual Tree Lighting Ceremony**  
**December 13 | 5:00 PM**  
Join us on Facebook Live @wdmhfoundation

A snowflake icon is positioned between the donation and ceremony information.



*The Judy Lannin Christmas Wish Tree 2022 Sponsors*







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