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**PeaceHealth Sacred Heart Hospice to hold annual Light Up a Life ceremony**

**SPRINGFIELD, Ore. –** For 37 years, PeaceHealth Sacred Heart Hospice has remembered loved ones with gifts of light on a beautiful Christmas tree.

Community members are encouraged to join us for this ceremony on Sunday, Dec. 10, at 4 p.m. in the hospital lobby of PeaceHealth Sacred Heart Medical Center at RiverBend in Springfield. We are grateful to be able to gather in person this year -- a first since the COVID-19 pandemic began.

This is a special time to remember loved ones during the holiday season through readings, music, and the lighting of a dedicated Light Up a Life Tree. This event is open to anyone in our community who is grieving the death of a loved one.

If you would like your loved one’s name to be read during the ceremony, please submit the name by Friday, Dec. 1, to mwagidoso@peacehealth.org or call the Sacred Heart Hospice Bereavement team at 458-205-7489. Please include your phone number so we may contact you if we need to clarify pronunciations.

**About PeaceHealth:** PeaceHealth, based in Vancouver, Washington, is a not-for-profit Catholic health system offering care to communities in Washington, Oregon and Alaska. PeaceHealth has approximately 16,000 caregivers, a medical group practice with more than 1,100 providers and 10 medical centers serving both urban and rural communities throughout the Northwest. In 1890, the Sisters of St. Joseph of Peace founded what has become PeaceHealth. The Sisters shared expertise and transferred wisdom from one medical center to another, always finding the best way to serve the unmet need for healthcare in their communities. Today, PeaceHealth is the legacy of the founding Sisters and continues with a spirit of respect, stewardship, collaboration and social justice in fulfilling its Mission. Visit us online at [peacehealth.org](http://www.peacehealth.org/).

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