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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **CRMC HOSPICE TREES OF LIGHT THANK YOU**

Cherokee Regional Medical Center Hospice held its annual Trees of Light lighting ceremony on Tuesday, November 29, 2016. This is an annual fundraiser in which Christmas trees are lit in Cherokee, Aurelia, Marcus and Holstein throughout the holiday season in memory of friends and loved ones through tax-deductible donations.

Due to the winter weather conditions, this year's ceremony was held inside the CRMC Conference Room. Dr. Wes Parker, CRMC Hospice Medical Director, welcomed the capacity crowd and Pastor Larry Ostercamp of Meriden delivered an inspirational message of hope and peace. Those in attendance were also graced by the voice talents of the Washington High School Vocal Music Department under the direction of Rebecca Elemond. Followed by the lighting of the trees, nearly 150 names of loved ones and CRMC Hospice patients were read by various members of the CRMC Administration, Medical Staff, and Hospice staff. Pastor Jane Johnston, CRMC Hospice Chaplain, closed the lighting ceremony with a heartfelt benediction.

The CRMC Hospice team would like to thank the CRMC Hospice volunteers for providing food and serving the reception following the tree lighting ceremony. They would also like to thank everyone who participated, and especially the following individuals for their generous monetary donations towards the Trees of Light. This year, after the final donations were tallied in January, over \$2,800.00 was raised. The funds will go on to help the CRMC Hospice team in assisting patients and families facing life-limiting illnesses. Donations to benefit this worthy cause are accepted year-round and may be made by calling CRMC Hospice at 712.225.6459.

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