

# The Twenty-Eighth Annual Festival of {Giving} Trees



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## *A Message from the Chairman*

### **W**elcome to the 28th Annual Festival of {Giving} Trees!

It's amazing to celebrate twenty-eight years of trees, traditions, and togetherness. What began as a small community fundraiser has grown into a beloved holiday tradition that has now raised over one million dollars for breast cancer prevention, research, education, and treatment

Our beneficiary partners — Silent Spring Institute, Massachusetts Breast Cancer Coalition, and the UMass Memorial Health Cancer Center at Harrington Hospital — continue their vital work to end the breast cancer epidemic and support patients and families through every step of their journey.

Thanks to the generosity of our community, sponsors, and friends near and far, last year's Festival allowed us to proudly donate \$75,000 – \$25,000 to each of our three beneficiaries. Your continued support truly makes a difference and keeps our mission thriving.

Serving as Chairman for the seventh year is an honor and a joy. The Festival thrives because of the tireless efforts of our Festival Committee — a team whose creativity, energy, and dedication make this event possible. I'm also grateful to our families for their patience, love, and understanding of the time and heart we devote each year.

As part of Giving Trees for Life, Inc., our 501(c)(3) charity, we also host several events throughout the year — including the Tree.1 5K Run, Christmas in July Calendar Raffle and our Countdown to Christmas Calendar Raffle — each one helping us expand our reach and strengthen our mission of giving.

If you're inspired to get involved, we'd love to have you join us! Volunteer your time, donate a tree or raffle item, become a sponsor, or simply help spread the word. Every act of kindness helps us continue to make a difference.

To our tree donors, sponsors, advertisers, and community partners — thank you for your generosity. To the performers, choirs, and musicians who bring the magic of the season — we are so grateful.

Finally, to our visitors: may you find joy, hope, and inspiration as you walk among the trees. Enjoy the raffles, the treats in Mrs. Claus' Kitchen, and the festive spirit that fills the Festival of {Giving} Trees with love and light.

*Brenda Lacaire, Chairman*

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# 2025 Festival of {Giving} Trees

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

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### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4TH

#### OPENING DAY PREMIERE!

Tree Viewing 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Free Admission

Be among the first to see the spectacular array of decorated trees!

#### SPECIAL EVENT!

Choral Premiere 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM

Donation of \$5 at the door or online @ [www.sparklingtrees.com](http://www.sparklingtrees.com).

Performance features a choir from area churches and schools singing holiday music in a variety of styles. Performed at Notre Dame Church.

Immediately followed by tree viewing and refreshments at the LaSalle Reception Center.

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### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5

#### TREE VIEWING & SENIOR CITIZEN'S DAY!

10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

**FREE ADMISSION FOR SENIORS** – Ages 62 & over.

General Admission is \$5.00

As always, free admission for children under 12 when accompanied by an adult.

***Take a chance on many raffles. Hourly door prizes for seniors!***

Hot Lunch from 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM.

\$2 Discount off price of lunch for seniors with coupon sponsored by Southbridge Credit Union.

Lunch is available to all at regular prices.

Live entertainment throughout the day.

Schedule continued on next page ...

# FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS!

Schedule of Events Continued

*\$30 Admission. Tickets available online for  
December 5th Friday evening events at  
[www.sparklingtrees.com](http://www.sparklingtrees.com)*

## FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS 6:30 PM - 10:00 PM

Bring family and friends to celebrate the season with live music, delicious food, and over 100 beautiful trees. Entertainment by Noah Lis.

## LIVE AUCTION

\$1000 Lottery Ticket Raffle, Shopping Spree Raffle, Gift Card Tree Raffle, Raffle Wall and many more Special Raffles.  
Food Stations and Cash Bar.

## FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS DOOR PRIZE GIVEAWAY

Drawing Friday, December 5th at 9:00 PM\*

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## FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS GUEST SPEAKERS

Special Guest Speaker Barbara Malkas, Ed.D, will join us Friday night. She is a Berkshires resident and has been the superintendent of North Adams Public Schools since July of 2016, after previously serving as the superintendent of Webster Public Schools for four years. As a science educator, administrator, and a woman who has faced breast cancer, Dr. Malkas feels strongly that learning about carcinogenic environmental factors impacting health is a civic responsibility and needs to be an integral component of each student's formal education. As such, she has played an integral role as a consultant on the development of Massachusetts Breast Cancer Coalition's Let's Talk Prevention: Actions You Can Take environmental health education program for students.

# 2025 Festival of {Giving} Trees

## SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6TH

### CHILDREN'S DAY 9:00 AM – 5:30 PM

General Admission is \$5.00

As always, free admission for children under 17 when accompanied by an adult.

Mrs. Claus' Kitchen open 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM (Lower Level)

Pancake Breakfast 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM

Santa Claus\* 10 AM - 2 PM – Tuscany Room (Lower Level)

Stage Entertainment 9 AM – 5 PM

Kids Grab Bags... and more!

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### *PRIVATE SPECIAL EVENT* 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM

#### Chamber Night at the Festival of {Giving} Trees

We're delighted to invite all Chamber member companies and their employees to join us for this special evening at the Festival of {Giving} Trees. Families of members are also warmly welcome to attend.

In gratitude to our valued community partners at UMass Memorial Health – Harrington Hospital, all of the hospital employees and their families are welcome to attend free of charge.

*Santa will be there for pictures and Christmas wishes and a gift for all of the children.*

Take chances on over 100 Sparkling Trees! Holiday Music! Raffles!  
Free food! Cash bar with beer and wine!

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## SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7TH

### FINAL DAY! JOIN IN THE FUN!

9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

General Admission is \$5.00

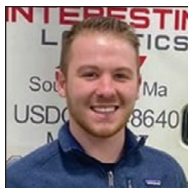
Pancake Breakfast 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Mrs. Claus' Kitchen open 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM (Lower Level)

The fun continues with entertainment throughout the day.

Ticket sales will end at 3:00 PM and the raffles will be drawn at 3:15 PM  
As always, free admission for children under 12 when accompanied by an adult.

**Winners of trees and raffles announced by 5:30 PM**



## A Special Raffle

# The Gunnar Bjorkland 3rd Annual Memorial Raffle

*Gunnar was a dedicated member of the Festival of {Giving} Trees for 12 years, and at just nineteen, was unanimously voted onto the Board of Directors. Sadly, Gunnar left this world unexpectedly in February 2021.*

*In his honor, the Festival of {Giving} Trees proudly holds the Gunnar Bjorkland Annual Memorial Raffle — created so that Gunnar will always remain a part of the Festival he loved so deeply. Through this raffle, his generous spirit continues to support the causes that meant so much to him.*

*While our theme may change from year to year, it will always carry one lasting message: to live life while you can, do what you can, and make the most of every experience — a true reflection of how Gunnar lived his life and the joy he shared with everyone around him.*

*We miss you Gunnar!♥*

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# 2025 Festival of {Giving} Trees

## 2025 STAGE ENTERTAINMENT

### **FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5th**

DJ Christmas Music 10:00 AM - 11:45 AM

Burgess Elementary School Band 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM

DJ Christmas Music 1:15 PM - 3:45 PM

### **NIGHT LIGHTS ENTERTAINMENT**

Live Music with Singer/Songwriter Noah Lis 6:00 PM – 10:00 PM

### **SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6th**

DJ Christmas Music 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM

Mr. Magic "Magic Show" 10:00 AM - 10:45 AM

Holly the Elf 11:00 AM - 11:45 AM

Balloon Making with Holly the Elf 11:45 AM - 12:45 PM

Lee Irish Dance 12:00 PM - 12:45 PM

Generations Dance Studio 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM

Mass Best Academy of Dance 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Mass Motion Dance Studio 3:15 PM - 4:00 PM

Premier Dance of Auburn 4:15 PM - 5:00 PM

### **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7th**

DJ Christmas Music 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM

Kara Anderson Dance Studio 10:00 AM - 10:45 AM

Artistry Dance Studio 11:15 AM - 12:15 PM

Revival Academy of Dance 12:30 PM - 1:30 PM

Noah Lis - Singer/Songwriter 2:00 PM - 3:30 PM

Stephen George - Singer/Songwriter 4:00 - 5:00 PM

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# The {Giving} Trees

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- 1 Pathways Functional Academics/LifeSkills, Christmas on Candy Lane
- 2 Dudley Family Dental, Oh Dentis-tree
- 3 Steph & Mel, Remembering Grammy  
*In Memory of the best Grammy, Lorrie Carlson (1961-2025).*
- 4 Jennifer Sheehan, Peace and Love from Up Above  
*In Memory of Loretta DiFederico (my grandmother).*
- 5 Deborah and Diane Steele, Breast Cancer Support with Coffee
- 6 William & Maryellen Doyle, Jordan's Tree  
*In Memory of Jordan Blair.*
- 7 Soapy Paws Grooming, Barking Around the Christmas Tree  
*Dedicated to Nova & Alice, the dogs that inspired it all!*
- 8 Guild of St. Agnes Early Education and Care, Gingerbread Fun!  
*Dedicated to a former student battling cancer.*
- 9 Jayden's Keys 4 Happiness, Jayden's Sweet Treats  
*In memory of Jayden Carlson. 2/11/2010-12/21/2017*
- 10 Michelle Belliveau, Once Upon a Chapter  
*In Memory of my Memere Irene Gaulin and her immense love of reading.*
- 11 Cara Holland of Edward Jones, Thank You for your Service
- 12 The Mandeville's, Pere Noel  
*In Memory of Paul A Proulx Sr & Cleo Proulx.*
- 13 Linda Wagner, Let There Be Peace on Earth  
*In Memory of Joan, who decorated trees for many years.*
- 14 Linda Wagner, Bells Are Ringing  
*Dedicated to Donna, who is so creative.*
- 15 Linda Wagner, A Merry Little Christmas  
*Dedicated to Jill, who is battling breast cancer.*
- 16 Linda Wagner, Feliz Navidad  
*Dedicated to Mary who is helpful and joy-filled.*
- 17 Linda Wagner, The Reason for the Season  
*Dedicated to my mom who introduced me to the Festival.*
- 18 Linda Wagner, Purple Christmas Majesty  
*In Memory of Dot & Bill.*
- 19 Linda Wagner, Silver & Gold  
*Dedicated to my darling Bruce, always willing to help.*
- 20 Linda Wagner, A Crocheted Christmas at the North Pole  
*In Memory of my grandma Esther who taught me how to crochet.*
- 21 The Nye Family, Torin's Tree  
*In Memory of Torin Nye.*
- 22 New Beginnings ABA, Once Upon a Bookworm
- 23 Kara Anderson's Dance Studio, A Very Merry Day of Christmas Shopping
- 24 Southbridge Credit Union, Truffles of Treasures
- 25 Stochaj/Hometown/Crimmins Graveline Ins, Life's A Beach!



# The {Giving} Trees, Continued

as of 11/17/2025

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| 26 | Cheryl Osimo, The Best is Yet to Come<br><i>In Memory of Ciprari, Bousquet, Flannery, Koumanelis, Osimo, Dimmatteo, Cloutier Families,</i>                                      |
| 27 | Kimberly Deary, Gone Fishin'<br><i>In Memory of 4 Great Men Who Are Terribly Missed and Loved Beyond Measure! Ron Peterson, John Deary, Tucker Deary, Tim Deary</i>             |
| 28 | The Danila & Julian Families, Home Sweet Home For the Holidays  |
| 29 | Elissa Splaine, My Hearts In Heaven<br><i>In Memory with all our love miss you Momma, Daddy and Grammy.</i>   |
| 30 | Friends of Brody Colon, Mario "Bro"s<br><i>In Memory of Brody Colon, LLB.</i>   |
| 31 | Charlton Business Alliance, The Bewitched Business Tree   |
| 32 | The Lamoureux Family, We're Always Growing<br><i>In loving memory of Richard Lamoureux - Lamoureux Greenhouse.</i>  |
| 33 | Kristen Houatchanthara, Happiness is calling BINGO!<br><i>In memory of Edward &amp; Rita Giroux.</i>  |
| 34 | Relay For Life, Relay For Life<br><i>Dedicated to and in memory of our loved ones.</i>  |
| 35 | Get Real Today Realty LLC, Comet's Kisses & Chocolate Wishes<br><i>In Memory of Charlotte Grant &amp; Terry Grant, who always made Christmas Sweet &amp; Special.</i>           |
| 36 | Kayla Remillard, Grip It and Rip It<br><i>In Memory of Noah Dupont "Life's too short, grip it and rip it."</i>  |
| 37 | Tantasqua Buddies Club, The Crayon Tree   |
| 38 | Daughters of Anarchy, Walking in a Wicked Wonderland<br><i>Dedicated to Richard &amp; Francine Miller: Never Forgotten.</i>   |
| 39 | Real Housewives of Christmas, Bubbling over with Christmas Spirit<br><i>In loving memory of Peg Munro.</i>  |
| 40 | Spectrum Health Systems, Spectrum Health Systems<br><i>In memory of our dear friend Joanne Scannell.</i>  |
| 41 | Girl Scout Troop 64939, Cozy Secret Santa Tree  |
| 42 | Donna Whitten & Olga, A Christmas to Remember, <i>In Memory of Jody J Palmer</i>  |
| 43 | Wetnicka Family, Most Dope Christmas. <i>In memory of beautiful Madison Laird.</i>  |
| 44 | Charlton Garden Club, Garden Dreams, <i>Dedicated to all the gardeners.</i>   |
| 45 | Kayla Remillard, Angels are Near<br><i>In Memory of Gloria Curboy.</i>  |
| 46 | T.L.C. Home Services LLC, Cleaning For A Reason, <i>In Memory of James Zufelt.</i>  |
| 47 | The Family of Clifford H. Card, Grampy's Favorite Things<br><i>In Memory of Clifford H Card. Forever in our hearts.</i>   |
| 48 | Brenda Lacaire & Family, A Light That Still Glows<br><i>In Memory of Janet Beford and Ann Marie Decoteau - their light still glows in our hearts this Christmas and always.</i> |
| 49 | Women in Business, Let the Bells Ring - Let the Birds Sing  |
| 50 | Michelle R Aronson, Let it Grow<br><i>Dedicated to Patricia Langlois, 2x Breast Cancer Survivor</i>   |
| 51 | Mandy Fontanez & Jaclyn Smith, There's No Place Like Home   |
| 52 | Jacob Edwards Library Chess Park, A Place For Everyone Across The Board   |
| 53 | Flynn Law, P.C., The Patriots Way   |



54	FedEx, Delivering Joy Since 1971
55	Cornerstone Bank, Santa's Snack Stops
56	Smiles After the Storm, Family Day
57	Cookie Egan, Frolicking in the Snow <i>In Memory of Susan Robichaud &amp; Howard Gunagan Sr.</i>
58	Tantasqua Student Council, Nightmare Before Christmas
59	Summit Eldercare, Summit Sunshine <i>In Memory of Mary Cierpich</i>
60	Claire Lewis, Brighton Cashmere <i>For Tyler: Roots of Resilience- a symbol of hope, strength and healing.</i>
61	Claire Lewis, Madison Pine <i>In Memory of Claire Derosier- Together we fight!</i>
62	Revival Academy of Dance, RAD and the Time Machine
63	Severina Rios, Feliz Navidad 2025 <i>In Memory of the Alicea, Alvarado, Aponte and Rios families.</i>
64	Danielle Holt, Paw-sylvania Pine <i>In Loving Memory of Cheryl Hershey Cleveland.</i>
65	Canavan Family, WooSox Winter <i>Dedicated to Conor Canavan &amp; all pediatric brain tumor warriors</i>
66	Savers Bank, Invested in Cheer
67	Shaw's Supermarket, Warming Up The Holidays
68	Sandy Kemp/Brenna Patenaude, Silver Bells
69	Senator Ryan Fattman's Youth Council, The Service & Spirit Tree <i>In Memory of State Representative Mark Carron, beloved public servant.</i>
70	Fraternal Order of Eagles #334, Let's Go Girls
71	Amy Finkel, All Dogs Go To Heaven <i>In Memory of our precious Bandi-Bea. We love and miss you, girl. Love, your family forever.</i>
72	Amy Finkel, Heart of an Angel <i>In Memory of Kim A. Cormier. We love you and miss you. Love Always, Mom, Amy, Alan, Lilly and Olivia</i>
73	Cancer Kids First, Tree of Hope & Healing <i>In honor of all the Pediatric Cancer patients that have passed or currently going through cancer treatment.</i>
74	Martin Family, Let's Go Camping <i>In memory of Martin Perkins and Michelle Martin.</i>
75	Gayle Bannister, Hot Cocoa Celebration
76	Nicola Bowser, Heavenly Beeings <i>In Memory of Brenda Wilkinson &amp; Arthur Lomax III - loved ones lost too soon.</i>
77	UMass Harrington Diagnostic Imaging, Aloha to Cancer
78	Rose, Annette, Karen, Feeling blue so hop to it <i>In Memory of Marie Konicki, our beautiful sister who has done a giving tree for the last 30 years.</i>
79	Family of Gunnar Bjorkland, Lighting the way for you <i>In Memory of Gunnar - always a bright light leading the way.</i>
80	Jen Iller, Skiing in Our Hearts <i>In Memory of our winter loving daughter, Kendra.</i>
81	Girl Scouts Service Unit French Quarter, K-Pop Demon Hunters
82	UMass Memorial Health- Harrington, Bee Kind

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# The {Giving} Trees, Continued

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83	Southbridge Italian Club, Un Natale Italiano
84	Southbridge Retired Teachers Association, The Shining Light of Christmas <i>Dedicated to all our Southbridge students, young and old.</i>
85	West Street School, The "Geometree"
86	Cottone Family, Up To Camp <i>In memory of all those we have lost along the way.</i>
87	Eastford Road School, To Infinity and Be Jolly!
88	Girl Scouts Mills & Hills Service Unit, Woodland Creatures <i>Dedicated to Mimi Capillo</i>
89	Ashley Douglas/Sandy Robbins, Two Stars and a Pink Sky <i>In loving memory of Christina Wool, whose spirit still softly shimmers on.</i>
90	Table 3 Restaurant Group, The Table 3 Experience
91	Trinity Catholic Academy, The "Stuff" of Love <i>In Memory of Nurse Nadine Casey.</i>
92	All The Possibilites, The Heart of the Home <i>In Memory of our dear friend, Jyssica Szymura.</i>
93	Reagan Bush, Tween Queen by Reagan Bush
94	Center of Hope Foundation, Friendship and Connection
95	UMass Harrington Cancer Center, You are MINT to be Strong
96	Venture Community Sturbridge Day Program, A Woodland Gnome Christmas
97	Prestige Salon & Day Spa, When Cardinals Appear <i>In Memory of Lorraine Ducharme- always loved &amp; missed.</i>
98	Rivera & Ortiz Family, Wings of Love Tree <i>In Loving Memory of Noemi Ortiz, beloved wife, mother, sister, Mimi, and Aunt</i>
99	Jill Barnes & Jen Lotter, Sweetness Overload <i>In loving memory of our mom, Midge Barnes</i>
100	Carrie Sanchez - Total Mortgage, Buon Natale
101	Julia Cierpich, Mary's Tree of Love and Light, <i>In Memory of Mary Cierpich.</i>
102	Burgess Elementary School, Classic Christmas
103	Patti Goodell and Cathie Sullivan, Red Bird Christmas <i>Missing our sister, Cheryl, this first Christmas apart.</i>
104	St. Rita Society Members & Amanda Richards, The Beauty of St. Rita <i>In memory of all of the deceased members of St. Rita Society.</i>
105	Trinity Catholic Academy Faith in Action Team, Sweet Yesterdays
106	Janet Garon, Cardinals: Hope, Rebirth, & the Continuity of Life
107	Oakholm Farm & Brewery, Home Sweet 'Holm <i>In memory of those we have lost and keep close to our hearts.</i>
108	The Hair Company, The Winter Glamour Tree
109	Tree House Brewing Company, Have a Merry Merchy Christmas
110	Tyesha Maysonet, Hue Beauty / Kallos Artistry

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**Baypath RVT High School Cabinetry Shop** for the items made for for Gunnar's Raffle.

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## SPECIAL APPRECIATION CONTINUED

**Our Entertainers** who volunteered their time over the weekend either on the floor or on the stage, giving of themselves, their talents, and their time, to make this event extra special. Thank you to the singers from area churches, choirs, and schools that perform at the Choral Premiere, the school bands, the dance schools.

**We'd also like to thank Holly the Elf, Mr. Magic, Michael Kaitbenski, Mother Goose, Mrs. Claus and of course Santa!**

A big shout-out to the **Volunteers in Mrs. Klaus' Kitchen** — thanks for keeping us fueled with good food and great smiles!

We also thank the **Center of Hope's Staff** for assisting with our move to and from LaSalle.

**Richard Gaudette of R & R Sound** for providing both his time and equipment to ensure a quality sound system throughout the Choral Premiere and Festival of {Giving} Trees.

**Noah Lis** — Thank you for sharing your time and incredible talent with us, and for entertaining Festival guests year after year. Your music brings joy and energy to every event!

**Stephen George** for entertaining everyone while waiting for the raffle winners to be announced.

### Our Volunteers

Behind every tree, every raffle ticket, and every smile is a volunteer who gives their time and heart to make the Festival of {Giving} Trees a success. Year after year, these generous individuals return to help in countless ways — from planning and setup to greeting guests, selling raffle tickets and wrapping up the final day. Their commitment, teamwork, and kindness embody the true spirit of giving. We are forever grateful for each and every one of them.

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August 1, 2025

Brenda Lacaire, Chairwoman  
Festival of {Giving} Trees  
PO Box 387  
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Dear Brenda and Festival of {Giving} Trees Committee,

On behalf of the Board of Directors, staff, and supporters of Massachusetts Breast Cancer Coalition (MBCC), we would like to extend our deepest appreciation to you, your planning committee, and volunteers for the generous and ongoing commitment from the Festival of {Giving} Trees.

Your generous gift of \$25,000 to MBCC from the 27th Annual Festival of {Giving} Trees is deeply appreciated. Now more than ever, the Festival's long-time support is essential in helping us pursue our unique mission of preventing breast cancer by addressing its environmental causes, paving the way for a brighter, healthier future for our children, grandchildren, and generations to come.

With your contributions, we are able to continue to provide free and online educational resources, engage in research partnerships, and advocate for changes to public policy. Your support not only helps to sustain our mission, but it also amplifies our voice and broadens our reach, enabling us to work towards protecting the health of residents in Massachusetts and beyond.

We truly appreciate your time, energy, and dedication to this wonderful community event, and are honored to have been a beneficiary of the Festival for the past twenty-seven years.

*"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; Indeed, it's the only thing that ever has."*

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Sincerely,

Barbara Malkas, Ed.D.  
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Cheryl Osimo  
Executive Director



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Festival of Giving Trees  
Brenda Lacair  
PO Box 387  
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Dear Brenda,

Please accept our heartfelt thanks to you, your planning committee, and the people of Southbridge for the generous gift of \$25,000 to Silent Spring Institute from the 27th annual Festival of Giving Trees. This wonderful support reflects the tremendous generosity of the Southbridge community and the true spirit of the holiday season. Thank you!

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We are very grateful for your continuing partnership in our mission and for your continued investment in breast cancer prevention. Please extend our thanks and our very warmest wishes to everyone involved in the Festival of Giving Trees.

With all best wishes,

Mary Beth Terry, PhD  
Executive Director  
Silent Spring Institute

Cheryl Osimo  
Executive Director, MBCC  
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October 7, 2025

Ms. Brenda Lacaire  
President  
Festival of Giving Trees  
P.O. Box 387  
Sturbridge, Massachusetts 01566-0387

Dear Ms. Lacaire,

Thank you for your contribution of \$25,000 from the 2024 Festival to the UMass Memorial Health – Harrington Hospital Cancer Center. The generosity of the community and the outstanding work that your team does in continuing this great tradition each year enables us to create more access for more people and bring health care to all residents in our region.

The way we come together to support one another defines who we are. The support of the Festival of Giving Trees and all the ancillary work and events facilitated by your team helps us to continue our long history of innovative thinking and aids us in our traditions of adapting to constant change and rising to meet the challenges presented to us daily as we deliver on our mission to improve the health of our communities.

On behalf of the more than 20,000 caregivers who are part of the UMass Memorial Health network of care, thank you for showing faith in our mission through your continued work and generous donation.

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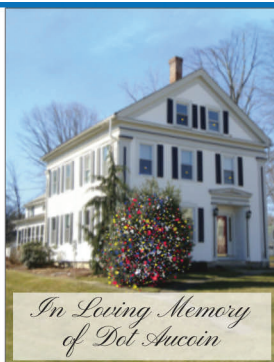
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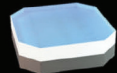
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