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### CRMC HOSPICE TREES OF LIGHT

Cherokee Regional Medical Center Hospice will once again have lighted Christmas trees in Cherokee, Marcus, Aurelia and Holstein during the holiday season. These trees are a special way of remembering your friends and loved ones. You may help light the trees through a tax-deductible donation of any size. The money that is raised through this holiday tradition is used to help CRMC Hospice continue to serve and provide end-of-life and bereavement care in the area. Each of the trees will glow throughout December as a remembrance of the special people in our lives who have died.

There will be a tree lighting and memorial service held at Cherokee Regional Medical Center in Cherokee on Tuesday, November 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. on the lawn in front of the Beck (just east of the hospital). The evening will include the lighting of the tree, music, readings and a message of hope to carry us through the holiday season. The public is invited.

The program's highlight is the reading of the names, beginning with the names of deceased Hospice patients served since last year's ceremony. In addition the community is offered the opportunity to honor loved ones by making a donation of any size to the Cherokee Regional Medical Center Hospice program. Last year, over 150 names were read followed by the lighting of the tree. The service provides a special time of healing for those in attendance by being able to see that others have walked a similar path. This is also a way for the Hospice team to reconnect with the families of those served over the years.

A reception in the hospital cafeteria will follow the service providing a special time of fellowship and remembering.

Donation forms will be printed in the paper or can be picked up at the hospital, and several business locations around the area. You may also call CRMC Hospice at 225-6459 for questions, or pick up donation forms at their office location at 1000 S. 2<sup>nd</sup>, Cherokee. As a non-profit provider of hospice services, CRMC Hospice appreciates your support.

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