

Latrobe Area Hospital Aid Society



In 1907 a group of sixteen Latrobe women worked to raise funds to help build the first hospital in the area. They called themselves the Tuesday Club but changed their name to the Latrobe Area Hospital Aid Society in 1910 when the hospital was completed.

Today LAHAS has nearly 150 members whose mission is to maintain a viable membership in the organization, act as ambassadors to the community, and engage in fundraising to provide support for Latrobe Hospital, now a part of Independence Health System, and the broader community.

Over the years proceeds raised by LAHAS have been used to purchase equipment for Latrobe Hospital patients, support expansion and renovation at the hospital, contribute to the Latrobe Family Practice Residency Program and the Surgical Institute at Latrobe Hospital. LAHAS has also supported and encouraged the Latrobe Hospital Staff during and after the COVID-19 pandemic.

LAHAS also recognizes the importance of health education. Beginning in 1983 LAHAS members provided the Children's Health Fair to third graders in Latrobe, Derry and Ligonier. LAHAS members provide stations where students learn lifetime healthy habits. In 2023 the Fair celebrated its 38th Anniversary.

LAHAS awards scholarships to outstanding Latrobe Hospital Junior Volunteers. Call the Volunteer Services Office (724-537-1024) to learn more about the Junior Volunteer Program for students 16 and older.

The Latrobe Area Hospital Aid Society looks forward to supporting future Latrobe Hospital patients and programs.

**The Latrobe Area Hospital Aid Society
welcomes new members.**

**To learn more about LAHAS or to ask
questions about *Lights of Love*, call the
LAHAS Office at 724-537-1733.**

Lights of Love Milestones



1988

Lights of Love's first year
Mrs. Donna McClure, LAHAS President,
suggested the project. Latrobe Area Hospital
Executive Director Douglas A. Clark believed
it would "become a lasting tradition."

1990

"Light a Light of Love" song lyrics were written
by Bonnie D. Harr, RN. Bonnie sang the song
at Light Up Night and later wrote
and performed "Lovelihoods."

2013

First year for the
Ceremony of Remembrance and Honor

2015 - 2019

Names of those remembered and honored
adorned indoor *Lights of Love* trees.

2018

For the first time donors could participate
electronically in the *Lights of Love* project.

2020 and 2021

The COVID-19 pandemic resulted in a Virtual
Light Up Night and an online Honor Roll Book.

1988 - 2022

Nearly 31,000 loved ones have been remembered
and honored with a *Lights of Love* light
in the past 35 years.

1988 - 2022

Lights of Love proceeds totaling nearly
\$240,000 have benefited Latrobe Hospital
patients and programs.

2023

Lights of Love celebrates its
36th Anniversary!

Lights of Love



**36th Anniversary
1988 - 2023**



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Remember and Honor the Special People in Your Life with a Lights of Love Light

Please return this ENTIRE BROCHURE with your donation

Sometimes the holidays bring the difficulty of finding meaningful gifts for those we love. The Latrobe Area Hospital Aid Society has a great solution!

For the 36th year we will adorn the *Lights of Love* tree with lights at the main entrance of Latrobe Hospital, a part of Independence Health System. Each sparkling light will represent a gift in memory or honor of a special person.

For a recommended \$8.00 donation per name you can remember family members and friends who impacted your life but have passed away. You can also honor the people who bring meaning and joy to your life now.

There are THREE ways to participate in *Lights of Love*:

- **MAIL** this completed form with your donation to:
Lights of Love, LAHAS
Latrobe Hospital, One Mellon Way
Latrobe, PA 15650
- Complete the **ONLINE** form and make your donation by credit card at:
 - bit.ly/lahaslove or
 - on **Facebook** - Search **Latrobe Area Hospital Aid Society** and scroll down to find the *Lights of Love* link

Forms postmarked by November 30, 2023, will be included in the online Honor Roll Book. Those postmarked after this date will appear in the Honor Roll Book addendum.

The *Lights of Love* project culminates at **Light Up Night** that includes holiday music, the **Ceremony of Remembrance and Honor**, illumination of the outdoor *Lights of Love* tree, and light refreshments.

The Latrobe Area Hospital Aid Society is grateful for the faithful support of all who have made *Lights of Love* a tradition for 36 years.



Please place a light/lights on the *Lights of Love* tree as indicated below . . .

In () Memory or () Honor of
Name _____

1

Please send an acknowledgment to:

Name _____

Address _____

If no acknowledgment is needed,
please check here ().

In () Memory or () Honor of
Name _____

2

Please send an acknowledgment to:

Name _____

Address _____

If no acknowledgment is needed,
please check here ().

In () Memory or () Honor of
Name _____

3

Please send an acknowledgment to:

Name _____

Address _____

If no acknowledgment is needed,
please check here ().

If remembering/honoring **more than three people**, please attach additional names to this form.

PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY

Print my/our **donor name(s)** in the Honor Roll Book as follows: _____

Name(s) _____

Address _____

Phone _____

(Needed if questions arise)

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF DONATION

- _____ No acknowledgment is needed
 _____ Mail acknowledgment to donor address
 _____ Email acknowledgment to email
 Address: _____

I have enclosed a check payable to *Lights of Love* for \$ _____ (Recommended donation is \$8.00 per name)