

Tree of Hope



2019 is our 30th year of giving!



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Tree of Hope Date	Saturday – December 7, 2019
Time	9:00 AM to 1:00 PM
Snow Date	Sunday
Collection Site	Maple Lake Municipal Airport, Minnesota (7 miles west of Buffalo, MN)

WHAT IS THE TREE OF HOPE? Since 1990, the Tree of Hope has collected toys which are distributed to all 38 Minnesota pediatric units, two Wisconsin hospitals, two *Catholic Charities* orphanages, and five Ronald McDonald Houses by the aviation community, including EAA chapters, Flying Clubs, Minnesota 99s, Zuhrah Shrine Flyers, WAI, and MN Pilots Association, plus businesses, churches, and the general public. It started when we found other toy collections did NOT give to hospitals at holiday time, and often the families could not afford presents with the financial costs of seriously ill children. All expenses are covered by the coordinators and volunteers, so 100% of the donations go to gifts for hospitalized children.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

- Collect unwrapped new toys, games, books, gift cards, etc.
- Donate money to purchase gifts—100% of donations goes to gifts for the children
- Volunteer to help collect, package, and deliver the toys!

Monetary donations can be made **all year long** by check, made out to **Tree of Hope** and mailed to volunteer Elaine Morrow (address below). Donations can also be made by credit card on the Tree of Hope web site via the *Donate* button.

WHAT DO WE NEED? Gifts for children—infants to 18 years of age. Something to help keep them busy while in the hospital—a toy, game, craft items, books, jewelry, and gift cards are appreciated for teens. Anything that will bring a smile to a young person's face is welcome, helping them temporarily forget their fears and pain.

WHEN AND WHERE? Bring your gifts to the Maple Lake, Minnesota, Airport on the first Saturday of December to see volunteers in action – or volunteer yourself – labeling and packaging the gifts for hospitals, Minnesota Ronald McDonald houses, and a children's home. Refreshments provided!

If there is no collection box near you, gift donations can be dropped at the Maple Lake or Buffalo airports, or call one of the contacts below to make arrangements for pickup. **Donations are accepted all year long!**

Tree of Hope Contacts

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