

# Parade of Wreaths

SAINT FRANCIS FOUNDATION



## *Introducing the Parade of Wreaths*

The Saint Francis Foundation is pleased to announce a new fund-raiser centered on bringing joy to others during the holiday season. The Parade of Wreaths features wreaths donated by community organizations in a festive display at Saint Francis Medical Center. The wreaths will be available to the highest bidder during an online silent auction in mid-December.

If you would like to donate a wreath, fill out the enclosed pledge card and mail it back to the Foundation. The donation of the wreath is tax-

deductible and you will receive an acknowledgement letter from the Foundation. Wreaths can be decorated for any season, holiday or theme.

The wreaths will be displayed in the tower lobby at Saint Francis Medical Center from Dec. 7-17. Visitors are encouraged to come and see them during our open house.

## *Guidelines for Wreaths and Bidding*

The donors of wreaths will receive a reminder call in mid-November. The wreaths need to be turned in to the Foundation before Dec. 7. The Foundation office is located at Saint Francis Medical Center at 2620 West Faidley Avenue in Grand Island and is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

The wreaths will be a donation to the Saint Francis Foundation and must adhere to the following guidelines:

- No live greenery; no live grapevines; artificial greenery must be purchased new and be flame retardant.
- Base of wreath can be from 12 to 36 inches in diameter.
- If wreath is accessorized with lights, the electrical cord must have the "UL Listed" tag on the cord.
- Wreaths should be non-perishable and tastefully made.

Online bidding will take place from Dec. 15-17 on the Saint Francis Medical Center Web site at [www.saintfrancisgi.org](http://www.saintfrancisgi.org). High bids will be announced on the website on Dec. 18 and winners will be able to pick up their wreath that day. Wreaths cannot be shipped and must be picked up.

We hope that the Parade of Wreaths will become an annual event for everyone to enjoy. All questions can be directed to the Saint Francis Foundation at (308) 398-5400.

## *Funds support Project Care*

Proceeds from the Parade of Wreaths will support Project Care, a program at Saint Francis Medical Center that assists low-income families with a variety of non-hospital expenses they face in the event of illness or injury.

The funds, administered through our Social Work Department, pay for indirect medical needs such as:

- Prescription assistance for someone recovering from an illness or injury, who has no other means to buy the medications they need.
- Accommodations for family members at our Guest House so they can be close to their loved one, while they are a patient at the Medical Center (this is especially helpful for parents of a sick child).
- Gasoline costs for a dismissed patient needing to travel to Lincoln or Omaha to see a specialist for follow-up care.
- Purchasing over-the-counter supplies needed for a wound as prescribed by a physician or diabetic testing supplies.
- Funds for a cab ride home for a patient who was taken to the hospital by ambulance and has no way to return home.

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