



32nd Annual FESTIVAL OF TREES

The Festival of Trees is a fundraiser for The Family Tree Center. All funds raised benefit the Center's mission of preventing child abuse and neglect in Yellowstone County & surrounding areas.

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Greetings!

You are invited to donate a tree to the 32nd celebration of The Festival of Trees!

The Family Tree Center – The Billings Exchange Clubs' Child Abuse Prevention Center has supported families in Billings and the surrounding communities since 1985. The Billings Community, in turn, has generously supported our efforts each year at our annual fundraising event The Festival of Trees. The Festival has become synonymous with the holiday season in Billings. For many residents and visitors, the holidays would not be complete without at least one visit to view the magnificently decorated trees or to participate in one of the many associated celebratory weekend activities.

Each year for the Festival of Trees we invite community members and organizations to donate a decorated tree for the live auction. You received this letter because *we want you!* Join us for this year's celebration and decorate an amazing tree for the festival. We would love for you to be a part of this fun and festive event! We are looking forward to seeing what designs and ideas you bring this year and are excited to see who will be the winner of the "2017 People's Choice Award".

Please notice the exciting features below:

- ❖ *Festival of Trees at the MetraPark ExpoCenter for the 2nd year.*
- ❖ *Being at MetraPark gives us the opportunity to provide more space per tree. This gives the decorator to either have scene by your tree or be able to spread the items under your tree in a more spacious fashion.*
- ❖ *Decorators will again have the opportunity to choose their desired tree location. Tree locations will be filled on a first come first served basis, with a completed application and application fee.*
- ❖ *Please notice our new floor plan.*

Please see Tree Decorating Policies for more information.

You may choose the theme of your choice as we are always pleasantly surprised by the beautiful and unique trees you showcase each year. Our theme this year will be "Country Christmas" with white, brown and natural tones. You are welcome to use these ideas for your tree or come up with something unique all your own.

Your organization is welcome to create a "tree package". Some ideas could be a "Disney Travel" theme tree with, plane tickets to Disney, hotel, luggage, with Disney themed ornaments, a "Mountain Retreat" tree with cabin themed ornaments, "Ski Package" with dinner, gas card with winter themed ornaments, or a "Date Night" tree with dinner, movie and a night at a hotel with romantic themed ornaments, etc.

The Festival of Trees has grown strong roots in the community and has become Billings' premier holiday event because it reinforces the true message of the holidays – the importance of families and of helping others.

Thank you for your continued support!

It is our pleasure to invite you to donate a tree.

Happy Decorating,
Judy Nissen
Tree Decorating Chair