

## Latrobe Area Hospital Aid Society



In 1907 a group of sixteen Latrobe women raised funds to help build the first hospital in the area. They called themselves the Tuesday Club but changed their name in 1910 to the Latrobe Hospital Aid Society 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 and the broader community.

LAHAS provides **Hygiene Kits** to students in Latrobe, Derry and Ligonier Valley School Districts; the **Comfort Care Cart** with hygiene items, phone chargers and more for Latrobe Hospital patients; and items for the **Child and Adolescent Behavioral Health Unit** at Latrobe Hospital. Beginning in 1983 LAHAS members have hosted the **Children's Health Fair** for third graders in Latrobe, Derry and Ligonier. LAHAS members provide stations where students learn lifetime healthy habits.

LAHAS awards **Junior Volunteer Scholarships** to outstanding hospital volunteers. Students 16 and older may call Volunteer Services (724.537.1024) to learn more.

Funds 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. During and since the COVID-19 pandemic, LAHAS has encouraged the dedicated staffs of Latrobe Hospital, the Square at Latrobe, and the Laurel Surgical Center with **Staff Support Projects**.

LAHAS will continue to grow its mission by finding new and creative ways to support the people we serve.

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

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

## Lights of Love Milestones



**1988**

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

**1990**

Bonnie D. Harr, RN at Latrobe Hospital, wrote and performed "Light a Light of Love" at Light Up Night. She 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**

Donors participated electronically for the first time 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 - 2023**

More than 32,000 loved ones were remembered and honored with a *Lights of Love* light in the past 36 years.

**1988 - 2023**

*Lights of Love* proceeds totaling over a quarter of a million dollars have benefited Latrobe Hospital patients and programs.

**2024**

*Lights of Love* celebrates its  
37th Anniversary!

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# Lights of Love



**37th Anniversary  
1988 - 2024**



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

## Please return this ENTIRE BROCHURE with your donation

Are you looking for a meaningful gift for the people you love? Latrobe Area Hospital Aid Society has a solution.

For 36 years we have adorned the *Lights of Love* tree at the main entrance of Independence Health Latrobe Hospital. Each sparkling light on the tree represents 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 have passed away. You may also honor the people who bring meaning and joy to your life now.

### There are TWO ways to participate in *Lights of Love*:

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

Forms and donations received by November 27, 2024, will be included in the online Honor Roll Book at [independence.health/lightsoflove](http://independence.health/lightsoflove). Forms received after this date will appear in the online Honor Roll Book Addendum.

The *Lights of Love* project will culminate at **Light Up Night on Tuesday, December 10, 2024**, in the Robindale Auditorium. The evening includes holiday music, the Ceremony of Remembrance and Honor, livestreaming of the *Lights of Love* tree illumination, 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 37 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 online Honor Roll Book as follows: \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

(Needed if questions arise)

### DONOR'S ACKNOWLEDGMENT

\_\_\_\_\_ Mail acknowledgment to donor's address

\_\_\_\_\_ Email acknowledgment to donor's email address  
at: \_\_\_\_\_

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