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Help add cheer this holiday season to sick or injured patients at Children's Hospital

Chattanooga, Tenn. – Looking for an opportunity to brighten the lives of hospitalized children this holiday season? Children's Hospital at Erlanger is collecting miniature Christmas trees to decorate the rooms of young patients in December. These small decorated trees will add a little brightness during difficult times for children and their families. Child Life Specialists will deliver the trees to children's rooms and when patients leave the hospital, they may take their trees home.

Those wishing to contribute miniature trees may drop them off either Thursday, December 13, or Friday, December 14, between 3 and 5 p.m. at either the Adult or Children's Hospital Valet parking areas at Erlanger's main hospital.

Instructions for trees are as follows: Trees must be 3 feet tall or smaller. No live trees; they **MUST** be artificial. Pick a theme for a child or teenager, ornaments may be purchased or handmade. Toys, such as dolls or cars, may be wired onto trees. **NO** food items on trees. Securely tie or wire ornaments onto trees; no loose ornaments, please. Please be sure ornaments do not include glass, sharp objects or anything that could be a choking hazard.

Lights are great, but battery-powered lights are best.

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