



We are happy to announce that planning for Trees of Hope 2023 is now underway, and this year promises to be extra special! Our celebration will be located in downtown Fredericksburg at The Woolen Mill. Trees of Hope is the heart of our annual development effort, and the trees are the heart of Trees of Hope! We invite you to once again join us for the Fredericksburg region's largest philanthropic experience to end family homelessness and would be honored to have your renewed participation.

Trees of Hope 2023 will kick off with a traditional holiday luncheon on Wednesday, November 15, followed by a magical night of giving on Thursday, November 16.

Beginning September 14, we cordially invite you to stop by Loisann's Hope House to pick up your tree free of charge any weekday between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Please ring the doorbell at 902 Lafayette Boulevard and a staff member will provide you with a tree. We kindly ask that each individual decorator take a maximum of two trees, and as always, we're counting on each tree being spectacular! As this is our single largest fundraising event, **please ensure your tree has a minimum value of \$250.** We are happy to provide a summary of your most recent tree(s) if you have participated before. If not, please visit our website for examples at loisannshopehouse.org.

Once beautifully decorated, please deliver your tree(s) to The Woolen Mill on Sunday, November 12 between 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. The Woolen Mill is located at 208 Ford Street, Fredericksburg, VA 22401. (It's adjacent to The Old Silk Mill.) Your tree will be on display the week of November 13 at The Woolen Mill and will be part of a silent or live auction that concludes at the gala. Adding to the excitement are the awards that will be given out in the following categories for best tree: People's Choice, and Judges' Choice of Best Traditional Tree, Most Creative Use of Materials, and Most Appealing to Children.

Your support of Trees of Hope provides shelter and hope to homeless children and families throughout our region. We are incredibly grateful for your support of our essential work through this exciting community event.

If you have any questions or would like to reserve a tree, please contact Dee Hwang at development@loisannshopehouse.org or 540-848-0032. We also request that the enclosed description form be returned by Wednesday, November 1st for inclusion in our printed catalog.

We're looking forward to the best and brightest Trees of Hope yet!

Sincerely,
Your Trees of Hope Planning Team