

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 135 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 the Greater Latrobe, Derry Area and Ligonier Valley School Districts; the **Comfort Care Closet** 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 hosted the **Children's Health Fair** for third graders in Latrobe, Derry and Ligonier at which Society 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, for the **Latrobe Family Practice Residency Program** and the **Surgical Institute** at Latrobe Hospital. In 2025 LAHAS donated \$50,000 for the modernization of the Independence Health System Latrobe Hospital Emergency Department and has provided support projects for the dedicated staffs of Latrobe Hospital, the Square at Latrobe and the Laurel Surgical Center in recent years.

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, Latrobe Hospital RN, wrote and performed "Light a Light of Love" at Light Up Night.

2013

The *Ceremony of Remembrance and Honor* became a part of Light Up Night.

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 - 2025

Nearly 35,000 loved ones were remembered and honored with a *Lights of Love* light in the past 38 years.

1988 - 2025

Lights of Love proceeds totaling nearly three quarters of a million dollar have benefited Latrobe Hospital patients and programs and the Latrobe community.

2026

Lights of Love celebrates its 39th Anniversary!

Lights of Love



**39th Anniversary
1988 - 2026**



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



Please return this ENTIRE BROCHURE with your donation

Remembering and honoring the special people in our lives is important especially during the holidays. Latrobe Area Hospital Aid Society's *Lights of Love* provides that opportunity.

For 38 years the sparkling lights on the *Lights of Love* tree at the main entrance of Latrobe Hospital have represented 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 continue to bring meaning and joy to your life.

Participate via MAIL and donate with your check.

- Complete all requested information including the amount of your donation. Mail the completed form and your check to LAHAS, One Mellon Way, Latrobe, PA 15650.

Participate ELECTRONICALLY with one of the following and donate by credit card.

- Go to bit.ly/lahaslove
- Go to facebook.com/LatrobeAreaHospitalAidSociety
- Scan the **QR Code** in the top right corner of this brochure.

Forms and donations received by November 20, 2026, will be included in the online Honor Roll Book at facebook.com/LatrobeAreaHospitalAidSociety. Forms received after this date will appear in the online Honor Roll Book Addendum.

The *Lights of Love* project culminates at **Light Up Night on Tuesday, December 8, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.** in the Robindale Auditorium, 1501 Ligonier Street, Latrobe, PA 15601. The evening includes holiday music, the *Ceremony of Remembrance and Honor*, and livestreaming of the *Lights of Love* tree illumination, followed by light refreshments.

The Latrobe Area Hospital Aid Society is grateful for the faithful support of everyone who has made *Lights of Love* a tradition for 39 years.

Please place a light/lights on the *Lights of Love* tree as indicated below or scan this QR Code.

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)

A check payable to *Lights of Love* is enclosed for _____ (number) names at \$8.00 per name for a total of \$ _____.

DONOR'S ACKNOWLEDGMENT

_____ Mail acknowledgment to donor's address

_____ Email acknowledgment to donor's email address at: _____