

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 the Greater Latrobe, Derry Area 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 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, support expansion and renovation at the hospital, contribute to the **Latrobe Family Practice Residency Program** and the **Surgical Institute** at Latrobe Hospital. LAHAS recently donated \$25,000 for the renovation of the outpatient surgical unit and \$50,000 for the modernization of the Independence Health System Latrobe Hospital Emergency Department. Since the pandemic, LAHAS has provided staff support projects for the dedicated staffs of Latrobe Hospital, the Square at Latrobe and the Laurel Surgical Center.

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.

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 - 2024

More than 33,000 loved ones were remembered and honored with a *Lights of Love* light in the past 37 years.

1988 - 2024

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

2025

Lights of Love celebrates its
38th Anniversary!

Lights of Love



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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 your life is important, especially during the holidays. Latrobe Area Hospital Aid Society's *Lights of Love* provides that opportunity.

For 37 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:
 - Scan the **QR Code** in this brochure
 - 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 25, 2025, will be included in the online Honor Roll Book at 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 9, 2025, 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*, 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 38 years.

Please place a light/lights on the *Lights of Love* tree as indicated below or donors can use the QR Code to remember and honor loved ones.

In () Memory or () Honor of

Name

Please send an acknowledgment to:

Name:

Address:

If no acknowledgment is needed, please check here ().

In () Memory or () Honor of

Name

Please send an acknowledgment to:

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Address:

If no acknowledgment is needed, please check here ().

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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: _____