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**LIVINGSTON HEALTHCARE HOSPICE TREE OF LIFE FOCUSES ON
SERVING THE COMMUNITY IN 2009**

Livingston HealthCare invites the Park County community to participate in a very special annual tradition—the Livingston HealthCare *Hospice Tree of Life*.

The Livingston HealthCare *Hospice Tree of Life* is an opportunity to honor life. Anyone can recognize the lives of loved ones by dedicating a light to shine in their honor on the *Hospice Tree of Life*.

This year, donations will serve the community. The money raised through the *Hospice Tree of Life* will be used to purchase a new delivery vehicle for medical equipment. The goal is to raise \$20,000 to support this effort, which will enable Livingston HealthCare staff to more effectively help members of the Park County community. Many of Livingston HealthCare's patients, including hospice and home care patients, utilize durable medical equipment, which includes specialized beds, wheelchairs, oxygen, etc. These patients and their families rely on timely deliveries—to all parts of Park County—which requires a specialized vehicle.

“Livingston HealthCare's hospice service is fortunate to have such great community support,” said Julie Rost, hospice and home care manager. “In the past, these essential donations have been used for equipment and education to support our staff as we provide compassionate care to seriously ill patients and their families through the final stages of illness and dying. This year, we decided we would like to ask our supporters to help us provide a vital service to all the residents of Park County. At any time, anyone could need delivery of oxygen or other medical equipment at home.”

The *Hospice Tree of Life* shines outside the Livingston Depot Center from December 9th to January 1st this holiday season. The entire community is invited to the *Hospice Tree of Life* ceremony on Wednesday, December 9 at 5:30 pm at the Livingston Depot Center.

To honor and celebrate the life of a loved one on the *Hospice Tree of Life*, call 823-6261 or visit www.livingstonhealthcare.org by Wednesday, December 2.

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