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**LIVINGSTON HEALTHCARE HOSPICE TREE OF LIFE FOCUSES ON MUCH
NEEDED BED REPLACEMENTS IN 2010**

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, *Tree of Life* contributions will support the purchase of nine new specialized patient beds, at a cost of \$15,000. Eight of the beds will be used in patient homes and the ninth will be used in the hospital setting. Often, home beds are not adequate for patient care because hospice patients frequently need a specialized bed in their home to make it easier for caregivers to turn the patient or elevate their head. Both hospice and hospital beds are used frequently and need to be replaced regularly. Having the right kind of specialized bed is an essential part of quality care for all Livingston HealthCare patients.

“Livingston HealthCare is fortunate to have the support of our local community,” said Sam Pleshar, Livingston HealthCare CEO. “In the past, donations from the *Tree of Life* have been used for equipment, vehicles, education, and other essential needs. This year, we decided we would like to ask our supporters to help us improve patient comfort and care.”

The *Hospice Tree of Life* shines outside the Livingston Depot Center from December 8 to January 1 this holiday season. The entire community is invited to the *Hospice Tree of Life* ceremony on Wednesday, December 8 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 823-6710 or visit www.livingstonhealthcare.org by Wednesday, December 1.

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