

Christmas Tree Contest Rules

No tree will be turned away, but trees not following these requirements will not be eligible for prizes awarded by the judges.

General Rules

- All displays must include an **artificial tree** (no live trees).
- Trees may be entered by any **CHRISTUS Southeast Texas department, affiliate, or partner**.
- **Display size limit:** 4 ft wide × 3 ft deep × 5 ft tall. (Matches cafeteria table size.)
- **BATTERY-POWERED LIGHTS PREFERRED; plug-in indoor lights are allowed.**
- Provide a one-page item list of what's included in your tree display.
- Each display must include a **closed-lid container with a slot** for "Crowd Favorite" votes.
- **Entry deadline:** Thursday, Dec. 4 at 5:00 p.m.
 - Late entries accepted but may not have electricity access.
- **Setup:** Monday, Dec. 8 from 1:00–5:00 p.m. in the St. Elizabeth cafeteria.
- **Bidding ends:** Wednesday, Dec. 10 at 2:00 p.m.
- **Awards announced:** by 2:30 p.m.
- **Pickup:** by 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 10.
- **Payment:** Cash, check, or credit card will be accepted. Payment must be made at time of pickup.
- Volunteer hours (Dec. 8–10) count toward **clinical ladder points**.
 - Contact **Caralee Thompson**: caralee.thompson@christushealth.org
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Awards

- **Grand Prize:** Highest auction bid
- **Most Beautiful:** Visually most appealing
- **Most Creative:** Most original and imaginative
- **CHRISTUS Spirit:** Best represents CHRISTUS values
- **Crowd Favorite:** Most total votes (in-person + Facebook likes/shares)
 - 1 ticket = 1 vote
 - 1 Facebook "Like" = 1 vote
 - 1 "Share" = 3 votes

Tips

- Turn in any gift cards or cash to Caralee for safekeeping.
- Encourage friends and coworkers to vote in person and on Facebook (@christushospitalsetx).
- Bring a cart or box if you plan to pick up your tree.
- Have fun- every dollar raised helps Children's Miracle Network kids heal faster!