

Kick Off the Holiday Season Third Annual Festival of Trees

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Kick off the holiday season with the third annual Festival of Trees. This spectacular evening sponsored by the Healthcare Trust of Mammoth Lakes will be held on Saturday, December 9th at Cerro Coso Community College. Trees will be showcased December 4th – December 9th at the Mammoth Ski Museum for the entire community to enjoy.

At this gala party, enjoy a live auction of elaborately decorated themed holiday trees created by local designers. Selected trees will be accompanied by many exciting presents to go along with each theme. A silent auction will host beautifully hand-crafted wreaths, gingerbread houses, and wine and travel packages in addition to other spectacular gift packages. Also enjoy dancing, food and wine in addition to a trip-for-two raffle to the all-inclusive Sandals resort in Antigua. Raffle tickets are now on sale for \$25/each or 5 tickets/\$100. Raffle tickets are open to the public to purchase.

Our goal at this event is to raise \$75,000 that will help support a full field digital mammography system for Mammoth Hospital. Full field digital mammography has gained FDA approval for the screening and diagnosis of breast cancer, and touted to be the “single biggest advance in mammography in 30 years.” Full field digital mammography allows for faster acquisition, fewer total exposures, and less patient discomfort. Early detection of breast cancer greatly increases the chance for survival. Currently, Mammoth residents travel out of the area to receive mammography screening as it is not available locally. Our total goal for the mammography initiative is \$400,000 and we are a little more than half way there at \$220,000.

Tickets are now on sale for this gala event at \$100 each and \$50 will go as a donation to the mammography initiative. Tickets are going fast, so purchase them now by contacting Jennifer Hansen, Public Relations Coordinator, at (760) 924-4200 or visit www.mammothhospital.com.