



## GRAND ROUNDS

# Honour someone special... and support care close to home this holiday season

In keeping with a 28-year tradition, the Renfrew Victoria Hospital Foundation will launch the holiday season with its Tree of Lights celebration in downtown Renfrew on Friday, November 30.

The event is a wonderful demonstration of the spirit of the season with the opportunity to honour a loved one while supporting the quality care we are so fortunate to have access to in our community.

Irene Nicolas has been donating to the Tree of Lights since 2000. “I just think we are so blessed to have a hospital when we need it, and it’s a really good hospital. We’re so lucky to have it.”

Nicholas attends the event each year and says, “I love to see the tree.”

Over the years, she has donated in memory of her parents and grandparents, a friend’s nephew, and this year in honour

of a young man recently killed in an excavator accident in Quebec.

“It was just something that really touched my heart,” she shares. “I look at the tree and say, ‘oh, that blue one is for my dad. Or hey mom, that red one is you.’ I pick a certain light for that person.”

You can help create the bright and beautiful holiday tree in Low Square by purchasing a light in tribute or in memory of someone special and your gift will help patients who receive care at Renfrew Victoria Hospital.

“This event truly brings the community together and the funds raised go towards buying life-saving equipment that is vital for providing care close to home,” says Sarah Robinson, Executive Director of the RVH Foundation. “Every dollar counts and we are incredibly grateful to Tree of Lights donors for their support each year during this season of giving.”



**Natalie Stevens (right), visual arts teacher at Renfrew Collegiate Institute (RCI) and artist, presents the painting she generously created for this year’s Tree of Lights card to Sarah Robinson, RVH Foundation Executive Director. Stevens’ work includes acrylic paint and pencil sketching and can be seen at [www.nataliejayneart.tumblr.com](http://www.nataliejayneart.tumblr.com) or on Facebook at @nataliejayneart**

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