

November 8, 2025

Dear Friends,

As the holidays quickly approach, I'd like to take the opportunity to invite you to join us in our virtual Light A Life celebration. We had our first virtual celebration during the pandemic and found it to be very popular. We have had two traditional Light A Life celebrations since then and have found, even though people still donated, they did not come out in person to celebrate. We recognize it is difficult for people to get out over the busy holiday season and know that there is much more going on locally than there was in years past. It is wonderful that our community has become so vibrant over the holidays. We will continue to light up the hospital with holiday trees but will recognize donations made in honor our in memory of loved ones with a special video.

With a minimum donation of \$10.00 you can dedicate a slide in memory of or in honor of a loved one. These slides will be put together and be shown as a video tribute on our Facebook page, on our website (https://www.dech.org/About-Us/Publications), and on YouTube beginning December 20. We will also include a copy of your slide with your thank you letter. In order to keep the video length manageable we ask that you please do one slide per person you are recognizing.

With your donation, you will be entered into a drawing for the beautiful musical snow globe lantern pictured below. Any donation of \$50 or more gets 3 entries!

You will find your donation form printed on the back of this letter along with an example of a memorial/honor slide. You can also make your donation on our website at www.dech.org/about-dech/support-dech/.

As you will see there is more room on the slide than an ornament so there is additional room for sentiments. We can accommodate up to 120 characters! We will need time to prepare the video so if you want your loved ones included, please mail your donation no later than December 8.

All funds raised will go towards equipment that will enhance the quality care received at Down East Community Hospital.

If you would like to add a photo of your loved one (one photo per slide), please email me a scanned copy at jhixson@dech.org. You can also send via Facebook Messenger or include a copy with your donation form. Please be sure to have the email contain your full name and the full name of the person pictured.

Thank you, in advance, for your continued support of our mission. Best wishes for a wonderful holiday season and a happy, healthy New Year.

With sincere appreciation,

Juli Hiron

Julie Hixson

Director of Marketing & Communication

This holiday season I wish to "Light A Life" at Down East Community Hospital Please reserve a slide (with minimum donation of \$10). Number of slides: ______ Total donation enclosed: \$_____ Method of Payment: ___ Check (Payable to DECH) Visa ___ Mastercard __ Amex ___ Discover ___ Credit Card # _____ Exp. Date: _____ Signature: _____ Security Code: ______ I wish to "Light A Life" _____ In honor of (name): _______ Your Name: _____ Email: ____ Phone _____ Address: _____ City: ____ State ___ Zip ____ Please mail completed form to Down East Community Hospital, 11 Hospital Drive, Machias, ME 04654 or deliver to the DECH reception desk. Call Julie at 255-0433 if you have any questions.

Please use this area if you need additional space or include a separate piece of paper.

Slide Examples - With and Without Photo



