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Providence O'Christmas Trees to kick off the 2017 holiday season with fun events to benefit those in need through healthcare, housing and hospice

\$1.57 million raised in 2016

SEATTLE (Oct. 9, 2017) - Thoughts of jingle bells, gingerbread and Christmas trees are in the air in anticipation of this year's [Providence O' Christmas Trees](#) spectacular fundraiser to benefit those served by [Providence Senior and Community Services](#). Celebrating its 33rd year of supporting the community, Providence O'Christmas Trees will feature 14 exquisitely designed Christmas trees, guaranteed to thrill guests and donors who support the event's mission to help those in need through healthcare, housing and hospice.

The 2017 Providence O'Christmas Trees kicks off the holiday season Nov. 27-29, 2017, with a [Christmas Carnival](#), [Silver Bells Luncheon](#), and the [O'Christmas Trees Gala Dinner & Auction](#), all at [The Westin Seattle](#).

Former KING-TV anchor Dennis Bounds will continue his 18-year tradition of emceeding the event.

“The aging of the baby boomer generation could fuel a 75 percent increase in the number of Americans ages 65 and older requiring services, from 1.3 million in 2010 to about 2.3 million in 2030. Providence Senior and Community Services is motivated to meet the healthcare demands of the growing elderly population, and we are poised for success in

the future with the help of our generous supporters,” said Patricia Szabo, executive director of Providence Senior and Community Services Special Events. “Their support allows Providence Senior and Community Services to serve more than 25,000 people a day through our ministries and ensures that every person who seeks our help receives the critical care they need. Thank you in advance for all the community support.”

Guests at this year’s events will be wowed by the amazingly decorated trees with this year's standout themes that include *"It's A Wonderful Life," "Peace on Earth, Goodwill to All,"* and *"Quintessential Christmas."*

The three-day event offers holiday fun and joy for all ages. Families are invited to kick off the holiday season on Nov. 27 at the free [Christmas Carnival](#), from 3 to 7 p.m. Guests will enjoy pictures with Santa, exciting and festive entertainment with headline performer [Caspar Babypants](#), holiday shopping, complimentary milk and cookies, kids’ games and crafts. They'll enjoy perusing the beautifully decorated designer Christmas trees and voting on their favorite.

On Nov. 28, the community is invited to attend the [Silver Bells Luncheon](#) from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Celebrate the spirit of the season while perusing designer decorated Christmas trees and voting for the favorite. Those attending will enjoy crossing some holiday shopping off at unique holiday shops and guests will be treated to a stunning performance by the [Seattle Choral Company](#). Proceeds benefit seniors and hospice patients served by Providence Health & Services’ Senior and Community Services.

The [O’Christmas Trees Gala Dinner & Auction](#), chaired by Doug Ross and Claudia Sanders, will follow on the evening of Nov. 29. The trees and other amazing items will be auctioned to benefit seniors and hospice patients served by Providence Health & Services’ [Senior and Community Services](#).

Reservations are required for the Silver Bells Luncheon and the O’ Christmas Trees Gala Dinner & Auction. [Luncheon reservations](#) may be made online or by calling Colleen Farrell at 206-938-5790. [Gala reservations](#) may be made by contacting Jessica Sherman at 206-938-1998 or jessica.sherman@providence.org.

[Providence Health & Services](#) has provided healthcare, housing and supportive care services for people in the Puget Sound area for 161 years. Money raised from these events provides programs and services for those who are elderly or disabled, disenfranchised, or facing end of life. They are served by [Providence ElderPlace](#), [Heritage House at the Market](#), [Providence Hospice of Seattle](#), [Providence Home Services](#), [Providence Infusion and Pharmacy Services](#), [Providence Supportive Housing](#), [Providence Marianwood](#), and [Providence Mount St. Vincent](#) - all of which are available to residents of King County.

This year’s event lineup includes:

On **Sunday, Nov. 26, from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., media representatives are invited to Designer Day** at [The Westin Seattle](#) to watch veteran local tree designers transform 7-foot fir trees into works of art. Each unique tree design takes months to plan and involves elaborate materials and a complex decorating process. Those who are unable to attend Designer Day will have additional opportunities for coverage during the Christmas Carnival, the Silver Bells Luncheon, and the Gala Dinner and Auction.

On **Monday, Nov. 27, from 3 to 7 p.m.,** the public is invited to the free [Christmas Carnival](#), featuring Santa, exciting and festive entertainment with headline performer [Caspar Babypants](#), holiday shopping, complimentary milk and cookies, kids' games and crafts and a stroll through a forest of uniquely designed trees that will be auctioned off at the [O' Christmas Trees Gala Dinner & Auction](#).

On **Tuesday, Nov. 28, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.,** guests with advanced reservations will gather for [The Silver Bells Luncheon](#) to enjoy lunch in a glade brimming with dazzling holiday trees. This lunch hour event features a fantastic performance by the [Seattle Choral Company](#), a visit from Santa and the opportunity to cross some holiday shopping off their list at unique holiday shops. Advance reservations are required; the cost is \$75 per person. Call 206-938-5790 or [reserve online](#).

On **Wednesday, Nov. 29, at 5 p.m.,** guests with advance reservations will gather for the [O' Christmas Trees Gala Dinner & Auction](#) in The Westin Seattle's Grand Ballroom for an elegant and stunning evening that is Seattle's premier holiday gala of giving and generosity. Guests will capture the magic of the season as they dine among the sparkling lights of professionally designed Christmas trees. The gala evening draws hundreds of business and community leaders, their families and friends. This year's gala will serve the first 750 guests to register. Advance reservations of \$350 per person required. Call 206-938-1998 or [register online](#).

Press passes are available for working journalists.

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