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Providence O'Christmas Trees raises record \$1.32 million to benefit seniors and people in need in the community

One tree sells for \$40,000!!!

SEATTLE (Dec. 7, 2015) — Enthusiastic bidders met the challenge of [Providence O'Christmas Trees](#) co-chairman Majdi Daher by raising a record \$1.32 million Dec. 1 at the 31st annual gala and dinner to benefit healthcare, housing and hospice care provided by [Providence Health & Service's](#) Senior and Community Services.

Some 750 guests showed their generosity by bidding on uniquely decorated Christmas trees and other items to welcome the holiday season with style. Many trees sold for more than \$10,000, with the favorite - a spinning silver "Carousel of Joy" tree - selling for an impressive \$40,000! Daher, founder and chief executive of presenting sponsor [Denali Advanced Integration](#), and his wife Dana, who co-chaired the event with him, joined with developer David Sabey to buy the tree. They then donated it to the residents of [Providence Mount St. Vincent](#) nursing home in West Seattle.

"We could not have had this much success without our dedicated board of directors and co-chairs, Majdi and Dana Daher," said Patricia Szabo, director of Providence Senior and Community Services Special Events. "They challenged us to increase our fundraising by 20 percent, and with their support, we reached our goal and had the most fun and festive O'Christmas Trees yet."

Guests who attended the gala at [The Westin Seattle](#) enthusiastically bought 15 beautifully decorated Christmas trees loaded with toys and gifts and several donated their trees to other charities to help spread the holiday cheer. Donor Debra Canales gave the "Raining Cats & Dogs" tree to [Heritage House at the Market](#), donors Rod and Nancy Hochman

gave the "12 Days of Christmas" tree to St. Joseph Residence, and donor Jamie Marra gave the "Cardinal Christmas" tree to [Providence Marianwood](#).

The frenzied crowd also raised the paddle to donate a record \$262,000 to the Providence "Wonderful Life Fund," which helps support the programs that go above and beyond traditional care for those served by [Providence Senior and Community Services](#).

This was the 31th anniversary of Providence O'Christmas Trees, which has become Seattle's premier kick-off to the holiday season. Proceeds benefit the 20,000 individuals served each day. [KING-TV](#) anchorman [Dennis Bounds](#), back for his 13th year, served as master of ceremonies of the gala.

[Providence Health & Services](#) has provided healthcare, housing and supportive care services for people in the Puget Sound area for 159 years. Money raised from this event provides programs and services serving 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](#), [Providence Supportive Housing](#), [Providence Marianwood](#), and [Providence Mount St. Vincent](#) - all of which are available to residents of King County.

Next year's event promises to be just as successful. Save the dates!

- Monday, Nov. 28 ~ Christmas Carnival
- Tuesday, Nov. 29 ~ Silver Bells Luncheon
- Wednesday, Nov. 30 ~ Gala Dinner & Auction

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