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Good Shepherd Hospice Hosts Lights of Remembrance Events *Remembering Cherished Loved Ones with Holiday Memorial Ceremonies*

TAMPA, FL (November 7, 2017): On three separate dates, Good Shepherd Hospice will host “Lights of Remembrance,” which are annual commemorative ceremonies for families and community members to acknowledge and appreciate cherished loved ones. The holiday memorial ceremonies are scheduled for Tuesday, November 28; Tuesday, December 5 and Tuesday, December 12. Starting at 6 p.m., each holiday memorial ceremony, which is free and open to the public, will take place at several locations throughout Polk and Highlands counties.

“For those of us who are fortunate, the holiday season is a time to be with family and friends,” noted Allyson Moskowitz, Director of Social Services, Bereavement and Volunteer Services at Chapters Health System. “But many people are at a loss as to how to recognize those loved ones who are no longer around to be present for the festivities. With our annual community event called Lights of Remembrance, people have the opportunity to remember those cherished individuals who have passed.”

At the free event, participants can take part in the remembrance ceremony by lighting candles in celebration of loved ones. Musical entertainment is provided by community members, holiday songs are shared and words of comfort are delivered by Good Shepherd Hospice staff and area spiritual leaders. The night’s festivities conclude with the lighting of the cedar tree on hospice grounds.

The following are the dates and locations where Lights of Remembrance ceremonies will take place:

- ❖ [Tuesday, November 28](#) at George C. Forysthe Hospice House, 105 Arneson Ave. in Auburndale
- ❖ [Tuesday, December 5](#) at Bud & Donna Somers Hospice House, 1110 Hammock Road in Sebring
- ❖ [Tuesday, December 12](#) at Lakeland Hospice House, 3450 Lakeland Hills Blvd. in Lakeland

For more information or to register for Lights of Remembrance, please call 863/616-2377.

About Good Shepherd Hospice

Good Shepherd Hospice, an affiliate of Chapters Health System, is a community-based, not-for-profit organization that supports approximately 4,000 patients each year in Polk, Highlands and Hardee counties as they face the challenges of advancing age and illness. Since 2008, the organization has been accredited by The Joint Commission, the nation’s premier healthcare accrediting body and in 2017 was awarded deemed status. In 2015, Good Shepherd Hospice was named a Hospice Honors recipient by Deyta, an industry leader in data-driven management. In addition, Good Shepherd Hospice first received accreditation from the National Institute for Jewish Hospice in 2007, which means that the staff members have undergone specialized training to better serve the needs of patients and their families across the entire range of faith traditions and observance within the Jewish religion. To learn more, visit www.chaptershealth.org, like us on [Facebook](#) or follow us on [Twitter](#) and [LinkedIn](#).

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