

WHAT'S HAPPENING

A newsletter for the Maine Medical Center family

Fairy Tree Mesmerizes and Delights Young Patients at BBCH



BBCH Patient Maddie and her mom explore the fairy tree.

On December 7, The Barbara Bush Children's Hospital (BBCH) hosted a reception celebrating a new art installation, The Children's Tree. Commissioned by an anonymous donor, the colorful glass and steel tree stands 18 feet tall and lets patients search for items hidden in the trunk and limbs of the tree. The Children's Tree is having a positive impact on everyone who sees it.

"The reaction to the new Children's Tree has been overwhelming," said Dr. Lorraine McElwain, Direc-

tor of Inpatient Pediatrics at BBCH. "To see the wonder and joy in the kids' faces as they explore the tree is a nice break from what they are going through. It's lifted the spirits of the families and staff as well."

Created by renowned local artist, Laura Fuller, and constructed in her signature glass, the piece stands in remembrance of the artist's daughter, Delaney, who was a patient at BBCH and passed away at the age of 9.

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Friends Tree Lighting Brightens the Holidays at Bramhall

Rich Petersen, MMC President and CEO (pictured), flipped the switch to turn on the Christmas tree outside of Bramhall's Main Entrance December 8.

The tree lighting is part of an annual celebration hosted by the Friends of Maine Medical Center. The auxiliary group held raffles, gave out free snacks and drinks, and members of a local church and middle-school students joined together to

sing carols at the lobby piano.

Decorating the tree are laminated "bulbs," sold by the Friends. Employees and visitors were invited to honor or memorialize a loved one by writing their name on a bulb and hanging it on the tree.

Proceeds from the event support educational scholarships.



PEOPLE NEWS



Fernando Moreno, M.D., has joined Maine Medical Center's Palliative Medicine group. Dr. Moreno received his medical degree from Brown Medical School. He completed his residency at Jamaica Hospital Medical Center in affiliation with Mt. Sinai School of Medi-

cine and NYU. Dr. Moreno completed his fellowship at Jamaica Hospital Medical Center in affiliation with Albert Einstein College of Medicine. Dr. Moreno is Board certified in Family Medicine and has a subspecialty in Hospice and Palliative Medicine. His clinical

interests include cultural competency in medicine, spirituality, bioethics and teaching.

Outside of work, Dr. Moreno enjoys being in nature, cooking, gardening and being a dad to his 3-year-old daughter.

MMC Employees Deck the Halls at Window Painting Party



Dozens of employees gathered for MMC's annual holiday window painting party on the Bramhall ground floor near the P8 connector last Wednesday. Departments decorated their assigned windows with an array of colors, designs and seasonal messages. Make sure you check out the windows before the holidays are over.

'Fairy Tree' from front

"I have been wanting to do a tree for BBCH for a long time. Thanks to the extraor-

inary generosity of the donors, I was able to make it happen," says Fuller. "It was important to me to bring the outdoors inside

for the patients and do something that would bring comfort to kids, families and the staff. When a child is in the hospital, they don't

have a lot of opportunity to be creative and use their imagination. The fantasy aspect of the tree allows kids to be kids."