



News Release

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### **Columbus Community Hospital Foundation Provides Opportunity to Donate Memorial Trees**

For Immediate Release

**(COLUMBUS, Neb.)** – There are lots of ways to donate to the Columbus Community Hospital (CCH) Foundation – including donating a memorial tree that is planted on the CCH campus.

Trees can be donated as memorials in honor of individuals or groups. The executive director of the CCH Foundation, in collaboration with the director of CCH Plant Operations, manages requests for tree donations on the hospital campus.

CCH Foundation staff help the donor select an appropriate species and an appropriate location.

Previously, CCH's memorial trees were located east of the hospital's cafeteria. Due to the hospital's ongoing \$35 million expansion and renovation project, the hospital's memorial trees have been moved to a more convenient and accessible location to the southwest of the hospital's main entrance, near the gazebo.

CCH Foundation staff coordinate the installation and maintenance of the trees with the hospital's plant operations staff.

Each tree may be identified with one commemorative plaque and the donor is asked to supply the wording for the plaque. The wording, size and shape of the plaque must be approved by the Foundation executive director.

The minimum donation for a memorial tree and plaque is \$350.

After the donation, the tree becomes the property of CCH and CCH staff cannot guarantee the perpetuation of the tree. After providing written notice to the donor, if possible, the Foundation, in collaboration with CCH plant operations, may be forced to remove a tree that fails to thrive and is under no obligation to replace it.

To donate a tree as a living memorial to a loved one, contact Carol Keller, CCH Foundation executive director, at 402-562-3375 or email her at [cmkeller@columbushosp.org](mailto:cmkeller@columbushosp.org). For more information on other ways to donate to the CCH Foundation, contact Keller or visit [www.columbushosp.org](http://www.columbushosp.org).

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