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NOVEMBER 14, 2013 - VNA Hospice invites community members to their 19th annual Holiday Memorial and Tree Lighting Ceremony on Sunday, December 1st, 2013 at 3:00pm in the Hospice Sanctuary at VNA Health Care, 400 N. Highland Avenue in Aurora.

The holidays can be a time of joy and festivities, but for those who have lost a family member or friend, the holidays can also be a time of profound sadness. VNA Hospice will once again open its doors and hearts to those looking for comfort during the holidays. The guest speaker will be Reverend Cindi Gavin of St. John's United Church of Christ in Aurora. Sue Gilla from Fourth Street United Methodist Church in Aurora and Jonathan Tatar from the Elmhurst College Coral will provide music.

Names of those being honored will be read during the candle lighting ceremony. Personalized memorial ornaments are available for a \$5 donation to VNA Hospice. The ornaments will be placed on the tree during the ceremony and will be available to take home after the service.

"This beautiful ceremony is a celebration of the lives of the ones we have lost," said Matt Merges, VNA Hospice chaplain, "It offers our families a time to honor and remember their loved ones and offers our staff a way to honor the patients who have left a mark on our souls."

Refreshments will be served in the Hospice Sanctuary at the conclusion of the service. To RSVP or to purchase a memorial ornament, please contact Matt Merges at 630-978-2532, ext. 8038 by November 29.

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