



Shangri La | Botanical Gardens
& Nature Center

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Community Decorate-a-Tree Adds Joy to the Christmas Season

Again this year, Shangri La Garden's Christmas Strolls & *Community Food Drive* will usher in the Christmas season with colorful displays throughout the gardens during the evenings of December 8, 2018; December 12, 13, 14, and 15, 2018; December 19, 20, 21, and 22, 2018.

As we do each Christmas season, we will gather nonperishable food items for Orange Christian Services. This effort supports those in greatest need during the Christmas season.

To make Christmas Strolls the best event possible, we need your help. Please consider joining in our **Community Decorate-a-Tree Event**. By signing up to decorate a tree, you'll contribute to the festive holiday tradition here at Shangri La, support those in greatest need through the efforts of Orange Christian Services, and continue growing this annual event that brings the community together.

This year we would like to reach a goal of 40 community-decorated trees. We know it's possible with your generosity and Christmas spirit. Please share this information with your friends, neighbors and colleagues and encourage them to participate in this wonderful tradition in our community, too.

What does Shangri La furnish? We will furnish a 6' tall tree and multiple strands of white LED lights. We need each sponsor to decorate a tree focusing on an environmentally-friendly theme. In the spirit of showcasing this environmental approach, we'd appreciate it if trees are decorated using recycled, reused and/or reclaimed products. While this isn't a requirement, we've learned over the years that our community is enormously talented when it comes to showcasing this philosophy.

Enclosed with this letter is an application form to decorate a tree. Please read the rules and regulations. If you would like to decorate a tree on behalf of your school, business, church, non-profit, civic group, family or just as a group of friends, please complete the application to help our community celebrate the Christmas season and be a part of the joyous tradition at Shangri La Botanical Gardens and Nature Center.

We are deeply grateful for your support.

Sincerely,

Rick J. Lewandowski
Director