



## **Giving Tree Project Established 1996**

Hello Teachers, Community Organizations and anyone or any group that wants to help spread Holiday Cheer and Goodwill. **HERE'S HOW:**

### **HELP DECORATE A 2016 GIVING TREE**

During the holidays, the sidewalks of Excelsior are lined with tiny balsam evergreens. These small symbols of the seasons hope and good deeds are placed throughout the city to be decorated by caring and charitable groups and citizens.

The "Giving Tree Project" is On December 1<sup>st</sup>, the precious host sites and ready for public Excelsior Chamber of Commerce, Excelsior Fire District would one of the Giving Trees and celebrating over ten



a community driven charity. tannenbaums will be at their decorating. The South Lake Gary's First Class Car Care, and the like to invite everyone to adopt participate in a tradition that is heart warming years.

On November 26<sup>th</sup>, the trees will appear on Excelsior sidewalks. On December 17<sup>th</sup>, the trees will be picked up by the families of ResourceWest. The trees will be given to families in our area that are unable to afford their own Christmas tree and decorations.

Nothing adds to a tree more than ornaments and trimmings placed by the hands of someone who cares. The decorations can be hand made, purchased, or have previous tree experience.

### **A treasure chest is just a chest without its treasures, and a Christmas Tree is just a tree without its trimmings.**

We encourage everyone to write their names, and/or group names on the ornaments. A ribbon or banner with your group's information is also welcome. These tiny 3 to 5 foot trees stand outside and are exposed to the elements, the ornaments or cards should be placed in Ziplocs or plastic bags.

Gary's First Class Car Care has donated the 20 Giving Trees this year. The Garden Patch provide the trees at a discount. The Excelsior Merchants and Businesses will provide foster care. Private Citizens have donated the tree stands. ResourceWest is finding the trees a Christmas home and the lights that make them twinkle are donated by True Value Hardware of Shorewood. Wooden Stars for each tree are decorated by the talented artists of a local Girl Scout Troop. The Excelsior Fire District brings them all together and takes care of the odds and ends.

### **WE JUST NEED YOUR HELP IN DECORATING THE TREES.**

For more information on the Giving Tree Project please go to [www.excelsiorfire.org](http://www.excelsiorfire.org) or check us out and LIKE us on Facebook

Thank you and have a wonderful holiday  
Kellie Murphy-Ringate the Guardian of  
The 2016 Giving Tree Project