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St. Francis-Emory Healthcare Announces Plans for Annual Light the Spirit Tree Lighting Ceremony

COLUMBUS, GEORGIA, November 13, 2020— St. Francis Hospital is pleased to present the twenty-sixth Light the Spirit: Tree Lighting ceremony on December 1, 2020, from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Butler Pavilion located at 2300 Manchester Expressway. This annual holiday event is free to the public. Join us for holiday cheer with our annual tree lighting ceremony, a drive-thru visit with Santa and Mrs. Claus, a drive-in movie, *Elf*, and popcorn, all from the comfort of your car.

This year's event will look a little different with efforts to keep you safe during this annual event. Without ever leaving your car, you can drive-thru and say hello to Santa and Mrs. Claus and receive a candy cane and a keepsake Santa and Mrs. Claus ornament with a slot to place your family picture. Drop off your Santa letters in the red Santa mailbox as you drive-thru. The tree lighting will be live-streamed on the movie screen before the movie begins. Movie tickets (free) will need to be reserved by visiting MyStFrancis.com. Space is limited. We ask all families to make a reservation and bring a printed copy to show upon arrival. We ask that you remain in your car at all times, but if you must leave to visit the restroom or for any reason, please social distance and wear a mask.

Activities and Times:

- Drive-Thru visit with Santa and Mrs. Claus, 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- Tree Lighting Ceremony (live-streamed on a movie screen in Butler Pavilion parking lot), 7:00 p.m.
- Drive-In Movie, *Elf*, 7:15 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

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About St. Francis-Emory Healthcare

St. Francis-Emory Healthcare, a part of LifePoint Health and Emory Healthcare, is a 376-bed facility that offers a full range of inpatient, outpatient and emergency room services and is the only area hospital offering open-heart surgery. With more than 2,300 employees, 300 physicians and the latest technology, we strive to help you regain and maintain your health. Our overriding goal is to provide you with the best possible care and to continue Making Communities Healthier. For