



# Tree of Hope

We need your help to make seriously-ill children smile this holiday!

The Tree of Hope collects toys for distribution to 16 hospitals in Minnesota. The children who are having surgery, chemotherapy, dialysis, transplants, etc., over the holidays are seriously and terminally ill and need our help. Other toy collections do NOT give to hospitals.

So please bring an unwrapped toy to your local airport, or contact the volunteer listed below.

The Minnesota Chapter of The Ninety-Nines (International Organization of Women Pilots) is volunteering again this year to help collect, package, and deliver the toys. Or bring them yourselves to the Faribault, Minnesota, Airport no later than December 5, 2009, when volunteers will be packaging them for hospitals.

What do we need? Gifts for children birth to 18 years of age. **Younger children:** Cuddly stuffed animals, books, activity books, puzzles, dolls, and trucks. **Older children:** Books, videos, CDs, tapes, cameras, electronic hand-held games, jewelry, cosmetics, magnetic chess and checkers, cards, clothes and small radios. But anything that will bring a smile to a young person's face is welcome.

If you prefer to send a check, please make it payable to **Tree of Hope** and know that **every cent** will go for sick children, as we are all volunteers for the pickup, packaging, and delivery of the toys. In the past cash donations provided an incubator for a medical helicopter and funding for the St. Cloud Wings of Hope—pilots who fly children out of state for specialized treatment.

If you have questions or need to arrange for toys to be picked up, contact Elaine Morrow, phone 952-955-2802 or email [pilotelaine@aol.com](mailto:pilotelaine@aol.com). Thank you, and please spread the word!