

Generous Donors Turn Darkness Into Light for McLeod Hospice Patients and Families



Each year, as the McLeod Hospice Tree Lights are illuminated, Kaye and Julius Parris are comforted by memories of family and friends.

The annual *A Light for Someone You Love* Tree Lighting Ceremony represents a time of remembrance and celebration for their beloved community.

“We look forward to hearing the stories shared and especially the moment the dark of night bursts into a thousand brilliant lights, each representing the life of someone’s loved one,” Kaye states.

Kaye and Julius have made it a point to attend every year since 1995 and have provided generous support with their Tree Sponsorship gift each year.

When the McLeod Foundation established Tree Lighting Sponsor Endowments in 2016, Kaye and Julius were among the first to make this commitment for the future.

“Our years of giving to McLeod Hospice have been incredibly meaningful to our family. The Endowment will allow us to continue to support the program that has touched so many, even after our time has passed,” shares Julius.

Kaye and Julius have a long history of generous support for the McLeod Foundation with their time and gifts. Kaye is a McLeod Fellow, McLeod Angel, Co-Chair of the Mobile Mammography Campaign and recently retired from the McLeod Health Board of Trustees after many years of service. Julius is an active member of McLeod Men. They are also charter members of the Dr. F. H. McLeod Legacy Society.

In addition, they have been instrumental in funding The Guest House at McLeod, McLeod Hospice House, McLeod Mobile Mammography Unit, McLeod Center for Cancer Treatment and Research and, most recently, 3D Mammography™ at McLeod Regional Medical Center.

As they look back on their years of service, Kaye and Julius rest assured that their endowment will turn darkness into light for McLeod Hospice patients and their families.