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Ortho/Neuro Gives the Gift of Evergreens

Six local households-in-need received Christmas trees with all the trimmings, thanks to a first-year initiative of the Neurology/Orthopedics Unit (5-Tower) at Asante Rogue Regional Medical Center.



Members of the Neuro/Ortho Team bought the Christmas trees and decorated them at the hospital, then contributed gifts for children in the families that were chosen to receive the trees. The recipients were chosen with the help of CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) of Jackson County.

Nine members of the Neuro/Ortho Team participated in the project: Tina Thumma, Jen Doods, Devon Weiser, Heather Menzel, David West, Cat Grenier, Melissa Page, Skye Tetors and David Polander.

“Jen Doods brought this idea to the group in a staff meeting so we could help families in the community during

the holidays,” said Tina Thumma, the unit’s clinical manager. “Jen organized it by speaking with a CASA worker, and coordinated with her about this project.”

CASA provides specially trained community volunteers to advocate for abused and neglected children who need safe, permanent homes. [CASA volunteers](#) receive training and support from the organization, and ensure that the voices of the children they represent are heard.

Gifts that accompanied the donated trees included toy race cars, stuffed animals, books, dolls, blocks and art supplies.

Tina said this was the first year for the Christmas tree project, but team members hope to make it an annual tradition.

“CASA does a lot for this community and it’s rewarding to give back to them in this way,” she said.

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