



We are SLI.
A not-for-profit supporting the efforts of individuals
living with intellectual/developmental
disabilities by promoting:

Success • Learning • Inclusion

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2022 SLI FESTIVAL OF TREES

Festival of Trees is kicking off its 45th community event on November 22 in our NEW HOME at Fairlawn Plaza.

*When: November 22nd to December 4th, 10:00 am – 6:00 pm (closed on Thanksgiving)
(Designer Setup - November 18, 9 am – 6 pm & November 19, 9 am – 4:00 pm)*

Where: Fairlawn Plaza Mall

How to Participate/Learn More: www.slifestivaloftrees.com

SLI has provided this holiday tradition to the Topeka community for 45 years. All proceeds cover the unfunded needs of persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD) whom SLI serves. Since its inception in 1977, SLI has raised more than 3.3 million dollars. The SLI Festival of Trees was originally proposed by SLI volunteer Maggie Beers in response to a projected revenue shortfall of \$15,000.

The 2022 Festival of Trees includes the following activities:

- Public viewing of the trees, wreaths, and silent auction items at Fairlawn Plaza from 11/22 to 12/3
- Preorder baked goods from the Sweet Shoppe from 11/1 to 12/3
- Bid on trees, wreaths, and silent auction items starting 11/22. Auction ends 12/3.
- Festival Soiree – Holiday Party on 12/2, tickets still available
- Donate to the Giving Tree online & have the gift matched by an anonymous donor up to \$10,000

Discussion Points: Festival of Trees history and importance; Addressing the needs of persons with IDD; and Importance of supporting organizations that serve persons with IDD.

Interview Opportunities: Lisa Jackson, CEO/President of SLI; Shannon Warta, Director of Marketing & Special Events.

About SLI: SLI is a non-profit organization that supports the efforts of over 125 adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities to achieve independence and actively participate in the community. Crucial supports and services include community living program, independent living program, community integration (day services), retirement program, and employment skill development. SLI has served the community since 1971. For more information visit www.slitopeka.org.



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