

# Tops children sing at the 'Tree of Lights' service to remember those loved and lost

Royal Bournemouth Hospital Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December



Throughout the year, there are times when we think of those who are very special to us, especially those who have passed away. During December, at the Royal Bournemouth Hospital, a Christmas tree is illuminated with thousands of tiny white lights. Rotary Tree of Lights dedication service took place within the Hospital Atrium on the evening of Monday 19th December 2011. Loved ones lost were represented by these lights and their names recorded in the Book of Remembrance, which will be kept in the Chapel at the hospital.

The lights were switched on by the Mayor of Bournemouth, Cllr Chris Rochester, and Tops Day Nursery children performed Christmas songs at the carol concert. Traditional carols were sung by the guests supported by the Boscombe Salvation Army Band and St Mary's Longfleet Choir. Readings were followed by warm mulled wine and mince pies.

A member of the Boscombe and Southbourne Rotary Club, said: ***"Christmas is a time to remember loved ones who are unwell or no longer with us and twinkling lights on a tree offer families a great opportunity to do so. But anyone can have a light, even if it is simply supporting the great causes."***

The proceeds from this event are distributed 50% to the Hospital Jigsaw Appeal , 50% to the Boscombe and Southbourne Rotary Trust for charitable distribution.

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