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DCMH Daffodil Campaign honors special people/events

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Contributed photoThe annual DCMH daffodil program, "Growing DCMH – Daffodils Create Memories & Hope," is collecting gifts as they prepare to plant for spring.



GREENSBURG — As the days become shorter and the nights get cooler, the people of Decatur County start thinking of autumn. There's a green-thumbed portion of the community that know it's the perfect time to plant for next spring, and the Hospital Foundation of Decatur County has an ideal

way to make the process even more special. The popular annual campaign, known as "Growing DCMH – Daffodils Create Memories & Hope," is in motion, and Director Bryan Robbins would like to invite anyone looking for a special way to remember and celebrate a special person, to honor an occasion, or simply to support the work of the Hospital-- to take part. Through the Daffodil campaign, daffodils will be planted on the DCMH campus according to the donor's request, providing a blaze of color next spring and each thereafter.

Nine years ago the DCMH acronym took on new meaning with this unique daffodil program – "Daffodils Create Memories & Hope." Since then, over 2,600 daffodils have been planted on the Decatur County Memorial Hospital Campus. The annual campaign consists of a special mailing and additional focus on the unique program and its purpose.

According to Robbins, gifts to the program have facilitated the purchase of new equipment, started new programs and enabled new services. The Hospital Foundation started the effort in 2007 to provide a unique option for remembering special people, events and occasions. "We've had gifts for many different reasons, but they all have one thing in common in supporting the important work of our Foundation and DCMH. Many enjoy seeing the daffodils light up the campus each spring, and that time is even more special to those that have given in remembrance of someone or something," Robbins said. "They are great reminders."

All the daffodils have been planted with the help of Decatur County Extension Homemakers. Robbins said the support of the Homemakers has been most valuable: "Each year Marilyn Davis and her team take to the dirt and make sure each bulb is properly planted, and further care for them in spring. We can't thank them enough for all that they do." Robbins explained that gifts received after October 15th will be credited to next year's planting, so the order can be made and the bulbs planted before the ground freezes.

Robbins stated that in addition to the daffodils planted, donations at varying levels receive other recognition such as notation on a permanent plaque in the Hospital or engraved stones placed near the daffodils. More information about the daffodil project may be obtained by contacting the Hospital Foundation at 663-1220 or by visiting the Hospital Foundation's dedicated page at www.dcmh.net/daffodil.

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