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Starr Brings the Holidays to Albion Campus with a Tree Lighting Ceremony

ALBION, Mich. – Jeff and Sharon Robinson of Olies Tree Farm, a former tree farm in the greater Albion-Marshall area, donated a 30 foot tree to the students of Starr Albion Prep to enjoy throughout the holiday season.

Friends of Starr were invited to join staff and students on campus for the official tree lighting ceremony on Wednesday, December 5. Adorned with 3,000 lights, nearly 200 individuals gathered to watch the tree light up the night. Staff from Starr’s administrative offices passed out cookies and hot chocolate prepared by Kathe Bramble and friends, and the students sang jingle bells to add to the fun of the event.

“The holiday season is a time for gratitude and generosity,” said Elizabeth Carey, President and CEO of Starr Commonwealth. “We are grateful for the members of our community who thought of the kids and wanted to bring light into their lives. Events like this remind us that we are all one human family, and how powerful sharing time with each other can be throughout the holidays.”

The funds for the tree, transportation, assembly and lights were secured through a new Friends of Starr campaign started by Starr’s Director of Marketing and Communications, Ian Stewart. Over 30 friends and family members from across the country made contributions to secure all of the materials required to get the tree standing and adorned with its many of lights, and to inspire the many smiles that continue to surrounded it.

Starr Commonwealth is a nonprofit human services organization founded in Albion, Mich., in 1913. Using a treatment model focused on resilience, Starr is dedicated to the mission of creating positive experiences so that children, families and communities flourish. Starr specializes in residential, community-based, educational and professional training programs that build on the strengths of children, adults and families in communities around the world. For more information, visit www.starr.org.

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