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Holiday auction lights up Palm Beach Gardens Medical Center

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PALM BEACH GARDENS, Fla. (CBS12) — It's a holiday auction that's lighting up the lobby of Palm Beach Gardens Medical Center.

That's where 20 holiday trees are now on display, each with a unique festive theme.

"We were thinking about a holiday survival theme and what do you need, you need Starbucks and wine so on our tree we have Starbucks gift certificates, we have coffee mugs, we have coffee, we have several bottles of wine," said Dianne Goldenberg, the CEO of Palm Beach Gardens Medical Center.

Each tree was decorated by different teams of hospital staff as well as local organizations throughout Palm Beach County.

Next Monday people will bid on the trees with all the proceeds going to "Place of Hope," a local children's organization that provides family style foster care and support services for newborns all the way up to young adults.

"Sometimes this is the first time that they have put up a Christmas tree; it's the first time that they opened a Christmas gift," said Josh Kolkana, with Place of Hope. "So it's that extra boost and that help to make sure that it is special for them, that they get to spend time together as a family, and that they move forward with these memories of the holidays that will kind-of overpower the negative things that may have happened to them in their life," he said.

“It shows a real giving spirit which is what I think the holidays are all about,” Goldenberg added.

This is the first year Palm Beach Gardens Medical Center hosted the silent tree auction for charity.

It will be held December 18th at Palm Beach Gardens Medical Center from 6:00 PM- 7:30 p.m.

It is free to attend.

The address is: 3360 Burns Rd, Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33410