

**Become a
STAR
SUPPORTER**



DONATION LEVELS

- STAR.....\$500 and up*
- Light String.....\$250 and up*
- Tree Trunk.....\$100 and up*
- Tree Branch.....\$50 and up*
- Light Bulb.....\$20 and up*
- Nourishment.....Below \$20*

Or consider becoming a

ROOT SUPPORTER

*by setting up a monthly tax
deductable donation through
Kitsap Bank*

Questions? Call 360-373-6425



*For years Tracyton
was the home of the
tallest decorated
Christmas Tree in the
country. It was
proudly maintained
and decorated by the
Tracyton Volunteer
Fire Department.*

*To this day Santa
still arrives via
Fire Truck.*

There will be a plaque that lists the names of our STAR and ROOT level donors. (with donors consent) It will also show the number of supporters for each of the other donation levels.

EVERY DONATION IS IMPORTANT!

**Tracyton Community
Tree Fund**

You may make a tax deductible donation by sending a check to:
Tracyton United Methodist Church
PO Box 127
Tracyton, WA 98393
(please mark "Tree Fund" on the memo line)

Or by depositing directly into the
"Tracyton Community Tree Fund"
at any branch of
Kitsap Bank

**Tracyton
Community
Tree Fund**



**Help Keep The
Lights On In
Tracyton**

**Become a Friend
and Supporter of
The Tracyton
Community Tree**

*Learn how to become
a STAR SUPPORTER
see inside panel for
details.*

Donations accepted
through Tracyton United
Methodist Church and
your local Kitsap Bank

Greetings to my good and faithful human friends:



Douglas when he was young and strong, not so today

I am a 121' tree that resides at 5153 Naomi Street in a suburban town named **Tracyton** in the state of **Washington**. I am 1 hour and 15 minutes west of Seattle by ferry boat and car. A

United Methodist church shares my wooded lot and its members have cared for me for years. Recently I learned that my name is **Douglas ... Douglas Fir**.

A long time ago, a relative of mine served as the unofficial **Tracyton Christmas Tree** but he became ill and had to be cut down. So, some 30 years ago I was chosen to take his place. Many strings of beautiful lights of red, green, blue, yellow, and white hung through my branches and I was topped by a large gold lighted star.

Oh, it was a glorious and happy time for me. Each December the church and its members hosted a celebration for the entire community; my lights were lit; there was singing and lots of hot chocolate and cookies for all to enjoy. And, Santa and Mrs. Claus came to make all the children happier than ever. Throughout December, more of my friends came to visit me on foot and by car – right into the New Year.

A few years ago I fell on hard times. In 2013, my lights failed and had to be removed since they were old and unsafe. In 2014, my star was blown down and is no longer lit though it remains dangling in my branches. Way up high, a chain is wound around my trunk and I am having trouble maintaining my growth process. I have wondered if anyone cares.

But I have heard that there may be good times ahead for me soon. My friends and neighbors have formed something called **The Tracyton Community Tree Committee**. Apparently they care about me after all! The Committee members, including many of my neighbors, are collecting something called **MONEY** so that work can be done to make me healthy and beautiful again! Someone called an **arborist** is coming to climb up among my branches, remove all the dead wood, that nasty chain, and my old dead star.

Then I hear that the Committee is planning to collect more **MONEY** to hire a person called an **electrician** to make brand new strings of beautiful new many-colored lights that will be hung throughout my branches. And, a new star will be placed atop me. Doesn't it sound too good to be true?

The best news of all is that on December 6th of 2015 at 5:30 pm, my church friends will again host a celebration for many children and families to see Santa and Mrs. Claus, sing a lot of songs, eat lots of cookies and drink gallons of hot chocolate. To top it all off, I will have a “coming out party” of sorts as my new lights will be lit for the first time. Happiness will reign for all.....

If you can help by making a tax deductible donation in any amount, send it to the church on Naomi Street marked “Tree Fund” or go to any **Kitsap Bank Branch** and add your gift to the **Tracyton Community Tree Fund**. Thank you very, very much for caring and your help!!!

