

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who helped decorate this year to bring joy and smiles to the residents of Eva's Village of Hope, Paterson, NJ.

Our team this year were Lynn Beylerian, Christine Chakmakian Badach, Sandra Shahinian Leitner, Suzanne Jerrahian Kasabian, Loren Medina, Berdjouhi Parseghian, Jo-Ann Tashjian and Joyce Ishkanian.

We also had two new "elves" who wanted to join us...Sue Ishkanian and Carol Sarajian Kennelly.

This year we are all especially grateful for Lynn's thoughtfulness and generosity to reach out to a former employee, Tom, who donated all the beautiful new Christmas trees!

Three... seven and half foot quality trees and two tabletop trees! Lynn thanked him, as well, with her personal donation.

It was really wonderful to meet him when we picked up the trees in his warehouse in Union and delivered them to Eva's. He was truly a kind person and I was so happy to meet him. Special day I loved so much! Thank you, Lynn!

All three trees were beautifully decorated by Lynn, Sue Ishkanian and Carol Kennelly. The tabletop trees were placed in the administrative offices and Christine and Sandra took care of decorating those and placed our "Aunt Dovie and Andrea" angel tree toppers there!

They also took care of decorating every bedroom door for Eva's mothers and children.

The rest of our "elf team" were busy decorating the family rooms and long hallways and walls on all three floors with murals,

plaques, banners, adorable characters, etc. Loren helped me with the garland for the three levels of stairway bannisters, attaching giant bows along the way!

Lastly, the outside railing and decorations were completed thanks to Lynn and Berdjouhi.

We are also grateful for the Dadekian families, Zaven and Arline and Stephen and Diane who donated once again, 21 gift bags for the mothers of Eva's Hope residence. Thank you very much!

Christine organized all the items to fill the bags to the brim with all kinds of toiletries and scarfs, slippers, etc. She even invited a few "elves" for a delicious "tea with pumpkin scones" after preparing all the gift bags! Thank you, Chris!

It is always the greatest joy to give and decorating Eva's Village of Hope at Christmas is an honor, especially with a team who brings their Christian spirit to love to be there as well.

Thank you, again, for your kindness, generosity and love. God bless us all with Christmas blessings and a Healthy Happy New Year!