



**Christmas SPIRIT Foundation
Trees for Troops**
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St. Louis Area Charity to be Honored at the White House

Chesterfield, Mo. (April 9, 2012) – Trees for Troops, a program of the Christmas SPIRIT Foundation (CSF), headquartered in Chesterfield, Mo., was named one of 20 finalists out of 300 submissions in the Joining Forces Community Challenge out of 300 submissions. The Challenge, launched by First Lady Michelle Obama and Dr. Jill Biden in 2011, is designed to recognize those organizations and individuals with a demonstrated, genuine and deep desire to be of service to military families.

Two representatives from the Christmas SPIRIT Foundation, Nigel Manley, chair of the Foundation and Amy Mills, assistant director of CSF, will participate in a reception at the Pentagon, attend a “meet and greet” with Mrs. Obama and Dr. Biden at the White House and attend a USO luncheon.

The Trees for Troops program has helped to bring the Christmas spirit to U.S. military families across the nation, delivering more than 100,000 Real Christmas Trees since 2005. In 2011, Trees for Troops, with the help of partner FedEx, delivered more than 19,000 Christmas Trees to 65 military bases in the U.S. and overseas, including 300 trees to Scott Air Force Base in Belleville, Ill., and 400 trees to Ft. Leonard Wood in central Missouri.

About the Christmas SPIRIT Foundation

The Christmas SPIRIT Foundation, based in Chesterfield, Mo., is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit foundation that advances the Christmas spirit for kids, families and the environment. Trees for Troops® is one of its major programs. Ninety-eight percent (98%) of all donations go directly to its programs. For more details or to donate, visit www.ChristmasSPIRITFoundation.org.

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